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Kahalanis to face attempted murder charge

HERB KEINON

TWO of the three central figures arrested in the new Jewish terrorist underground case, brothers Eitan and Yehoyada Kahalani, will be charged with attempted murder this afternoon at the Jerusalem District Court, according to Itim.

They were reportedly arrested while aiming their guns at an Arab youth riding his bicycle near Jerusalem in early September.

The remands of two suspects in the case were extended by up to six days yesterday, while another suspect was released.

Jerusalem Magistrate's Court Judge Uri Ben-Dor extended the remand of Yehiel Hatzroni, an electrical engineer from Kiryat Arba, until Sunday, unless a polygraph test shows he told the truth.

Hatzroni's hearing was closed to the public, and his wife, Sophia, said afterwards that his arrest is part of the government's attack "on all Kiryat Arba residents."

"They want to uproot us from Kiryat Arba," she said. "Now they are arresting all the normal people, to show it's not only Kach, that normal people also do things like this. This is an evil libel."

Sophia said her husband is not well, and that the arrest is only making his condition worse. The judge said that the prison authorities must allow a doctor to check Hatzroni.

The other suspect arrested early Monday, Yisrael Ben-Aharon, had his remand extended for five days. He told reporters outside the court his prison conditions are "reasonable."

Ben-Aharon allegedly gave other suspects his weapon in order to confuse investigators. Both Hatzroni and Ben-Aharon have been permitted to speak to their lawyers, something initially denied other suspects.

Meanwhile, Uri Baruch, another suspect arrested last Thursday, was released yesterday. Police sources said he admitted to having been asked to make a silencer for one of the suspects, and that charges will be filed against him.

Since the arrests began in early September, 13 people, 11 from Kiryat Arba, one from Hebron, and one from Jerusalem, have been arrested. Six are still in custody.

So far charges have been pressed against Lt. Oren Edri, who is still in custody, and Michael Mor-Yosef, who was released.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin prepares to present his coalition deal to the Labor Party bureau yesterday as Justice Minister David Liba'i, the deal's main critic, looks on. (Isaac Harari)

High Court upholds decision to send police delegation to Haiti

EVELYN GORDON and BILL HUTMAN

THE government will now be able to send a police delegation to Haiti, after the High Court of Justice yesterday rejected a petition challenging the legality of doing so.

Justices Meir Shamgar, Eliezer Goldberg, Theodor Orr, Yitzhak Zamir, and Dalia Dorner did not give the reasoning behind their decision, however.

The delegation will leave for Haiti by the weekend, a police spokesman said.

The spokesman for Police Minister Moshe Shahal said the minister is "very satisfied" with the court's decision and believes it will open the way for the country's participation in other international peace-keeping efforts.

Shahal had been an outspoken critic of the High Court's involvement in the issue, saying it wrongly tied the government's hand in carrying out foreign policy.

The delegation was to have first gone for training to Puerto Rico and then leave with delegations from other nations for Haiti, but the delay may mean the 30-man delegation will go directly to Haiti. Cmdr. (ret.) Gabi Amir, the delegation head, was ordered by Shahal to prepare the group to leave by the weekend, the spokesman said.

The petition was filed by former Kach activist Noam Federman, who argued that the government's decision violated the police ordinance, which specifies the police's tasks as domestic ones.

In response, State Attorney Dorit Beinish argued that since there is nothing in the law which specifically forbids such a use of the police, the decision was covered by the government's unlimited authority in foreign affairs.

Since this involves no damage to the rights of Israeli citizens, there is nothing to weigh against the government's rights in the diplomatic field in this case, she added.

Beinish noted, however, that this would not provide a justification for "extra-legal" use of the police force within Israel, because in this case there would be damage to the rights of Israeli citizens.

"Where is the conflict with the police's role?" she asked the court. "What is hurt by using [the government's] authority [in this manner]?"

The government has been sending military and civilian representatives on international missions for years by means of cabinet decisions, Beinish continued, because it makes more sense to use a trained force which is readily available than to recruit untrained volunteers.

"If the government has the authority, as part of its foreign policy, to send advisers [overseas], then the most natural reservoir is [a trained force]," she said.

The justices questioned her closely about how other countries handle this problem. In Germany, the law explicitly forbids sending soldiers abroad, they noted, while in the US, the issue is dealt with in the War Powers Resolution Act. In England, Zamir said, a law was passed to send policemen to Ireland.

"In all other countries ... there is legislation that sets the rules," he said.

"You can't make a comparison, because the constitutional structure is different," Beinish responded.

Even the use of the police in Judea and Samaria is not enshrined in law, she noted – though Federman pointed out that police actions against Israelis in the territories were authorized in a special law.

"We're in a new international situation where cooperation is necessary," Beinish concluded. "And we in our region have also benefited from this ability [to send international forces]. Can we refuse when the request is made of us?"

Beinish's arguments apparently satisfied the justices, though they questioned her sharply throughout her presentation. Their main questions were whether it is permissible to use the police for purposes not specified in the law, whether such authority could also exist within Israel, and whether it *would not be better to pass enabling legislation.*

When Federman repeated these questions as arguments during his response to Beinish, however, Shamgar responded that not everything is enshrined in law. Some things, like the right to declare war, are the government's prerogative, he said.

After the verdict, Federman blasted it as "unprecedented and very dangerous."

"It's a pity the High Court gave in to [Prime Minister Yitzhak] Rabin's pressure," he said. "This decision means that now the government can do anything it wants."

Labor-Shas coalition deal passes first hurdle

SARAH HONIG

PRIME Minister Yitzhak Rabin will ask the Knesset to ratify the appointment of two Shas ministers next week, thereby bringing the party back into the coalition – if the High Court does not first rule against his coalition deal.

Rabin easily passed the first hurdle yesterday, when the deal he initialed with Shas last summer won a 55-20 majority in the Labor Party political bureau. Among those who voted against were Justice Minister David Liba'i, Police Minister Moshe Shahal, and MKs Avraham Burg, Haggai Merom, Yael Dayan, and Ori Or.

Opponents of the agreement are forcing Rabin to take it to the central committee as well, and Rabin intends to do so tomorrow, so he can speedily usher Shas into the coalition.

Even the staunchest Labor opponents of the deal are not expected to vote against the appointment of Moshe Maiya as interior minister and Aryeh Gamliel as religious affairs minister. But they and their allies in Meretz vowed to fight uncompromisingly against the deal's provision for special legislation circumventing the High Court, whenever Shas deems the court to be in violation of the status quo on religious affairs.

All this is on condition the High Court does not reject the deal before Rabin brings Shas back into the coalition, as it did when he sought to appoint Yi'ud's Gonen Segev a minister.

A group called Disappointed Shas Voters, the Movement for Quality Government, and Tel Aviv lawyer Ze'ev Welner filed separate petitions against the deal yesterday, Itim reported.

Shas Knesset faction chairman Shlomo Benizri warned that, "If the High Court rules against the deal, then we are not in the coalition. It's as simple as that. Either we get every last thing Rabin promised us, or we are out."

Benizri regards the High Court as the villain of the piece, because "Were it not for its meddling, we would have never left the coalition. It's a sad commentary on our society that we don't know who makes the decisions around here – the prime minister or the court."

Nonetheless, Benizri welcomed the political bureau decision as a "sign that sanity has again returned to the Labor Party."

Rabin was gratified, he said after the vote, "that this phase is now behind us. Too bad this deal was not implemented last March, when we had an agreement with Shas. It was far more comfortable for me then.

"However, someone [Meretz MK Dedi Zucker] saw fit to insert a quote form the Declaration of Independence into a basic law [on freedom of religion] and that drove Shas away. There is no state in the world whose declaration of independence is quoted in its legislation. You can ask all the American jurists if this can be done in the US, and they would laugh at you."

Rabin also said he did not offer the deal to Shas before checking to make sure that he had "some Meretz support. [Justice Minister] Amnon Rubinstein and Dedi Zucker sat in my house and went over each clause of the agreement and approved it."

Labor MK Rafi Edri, a go-between in talks with Shas, added that he has copies of the deal with notations in Rubinstein's handwriting. Both Rubinstein and Zucker categorically deny seeing the agreement before Rabin initialed it last July.

Liba'i led the attack on the deal, warning, "History will judge us for the folly of allowing such legislation, which will be binding for generations to come. Removing religious coercion legislation will require a special majority of 61 MKs. You," he turned to Rabin, "are allowing in matters of freedom and civil rights the very special majority you object to when it comes to ceding the Golan. Tomorrow Shas will be able to outlaw the Reform and Conservative movements, and we won't be able to do a thing about it."

Meretz Knesset faction head Ran Cohen vowed that his party "will fight the grotesque legislation Rabin has promised Shas as soon as it comes up. We have nothing against Shas returning to the coalition, but we will use the veto power granted us by our coalition agreement with Labor to make sure that no Shas bill passes. We regret we are in such a confrontation with Labor, but Labor has breached its promises to the voters on basic civil rights."

Herb Keinon adds:

Several dozen people from a number of different civil rights, religious, and women's organizations protested yesterday outside the Knesset against the Shas-Labor agreement while the political bureau was discussing the issue.

Zamira Segev, the director of Hemdat, the Coalition for Freedom of Science, Religion, and Culture in Israel, said the agreement will lead to a "drastic change in state-religion relations. I am not willing to see Aryeh Deri placed above the High Court of Justice."

Segev said she does not think the peace process would grind to a halt if Shas is not in the coalition. "Many of those here have fought and demonstrated for peace for a long time," she said. "But it is inconceivable that in the name of peace we are willing to turn the country into a theocracy."

Meretz MK Naomi Hazan told the crowd it represented "millions" around the country. "The inclusion of Shas in the coalition is not needed for peace," she said.

Na'amat head Ofra Friedman said that Rabin, in his Sunday speech to the Knesset, said peace with Syria is needed against the background of Islamic fundamentalism. "But what about Jewish fundamentalism?" she asked.

She implored the government to remember that Shas left the coalition not over the religious status quo, but because of the Deri indictment. As a result, she said, the party should not now be rewarded for coming back into the government.

Israel will not allow opponents of DOP to stand in Palestinian elections

JON IMMANUEL

ISRAEL warned it would not allow acknowledged opponents of the peace agreement to stand as candidates, during the second day of Cairo talks on Palestinian elections.

The Israeli team placed three conditions on candidates: They must accept the Oslo declaration of principles; they must not harbor any desire to destroy Israel; and they must not engage in racist propaganda.

According to Peace Watch, the Palestinian election law would ban racist parties anyway.

The purpose of the demand was clearly to prevent Hamas and other opposition groups which oppose the Declaration of Principles from trying to use the elections to radicalize the elected Palestinian council.

An Israeli source at the five-hours of talks said they mainly dealt with "who would be able to vote and who would be eligible for election." One undecided issue was whether someone ineligible for election by Israeli criteria would be eligible to vote.

"We were talking about the nature of the council," said Saeb Erekat, the Palestinian delegation leader.

The different emphases indicated different priorities. Israel insisted nothing serious could be settled until both sides agreed on appeal procedures for those not on the voters' lists, and the technical issues of the age, politics, and other criteria of voters and candidates. For example, one question raised was "will prisoners be able to vote."

The Palestinians continued to press their case for separate legislative and executive councils, which they see as firming up their case for independence.

However, Israeli sources said the Palestinian team acknowledged that the draft of a basic law drawn up by legal aide Ali Safarini did not have PLO leader Yasser Arafat's authorization. Israeli participants were under the impression that Arafat has not even seen it, which, if true, makes it easier for Palestinian negotiators to exercise independent judgement.

Israeli delegation chief Maj.-Gen. Danny Rothschild refused to be drawn by Erekat into a debate on the redeployment of IDF troops.

Huge earthquake hits northern Japan

News agencies

TOKYO (AP) — A major undersea earthquake killed at least 16 people in Russia's remote Kuril Islands late Tuesday, jolted Japan and triggered tidal waves on both sides of the Pacific.

A quake with a preliminary magnitude of 7.9 hit near the sparsely populated Kuril Islands chain north of Japan.

Two people were killed and about 200 injured as the quake jolted northern Japan, sending residents fleeing from their homes late at night and shaking buildings in Tokyo 1,000 km. away. Tidal wave warnings were issued for the Pacific.

Japan's national television network NHK reported 196 people injured so far on Hokkaido's east coast. Many isolated areas, particularly small islands close to the epicenter, were cut off from communications.

The main injuries so far were residents cut by flying glass and falling objects. A 73-year-old man and 63-year-old woman died, apparently of heart attacks.

Hokkaido is the most-sparsely populated of Japan's four main islands, with farming and fishing the main industries.

As many as 31 aftershocks shook Hokkaido more than three hours after the main quake struck.

Television showed buckled highways scarred by deep fissures. Police said some bridges had collapsed.

Several thousand kilometers away in Hawaii, thousands of people from coastal areas were evacuated as a tidal wave spawned by the undersea earthquake raced toward the group of islands in the Pacific Ocean.

Mel Nishihara, a spokesman for the Hawaii Civil Defense, said all schools had been closed and residents of coastal areas on all sides of the islands had been ordered to evacuate.

The worst earthquake in Japanese history, which measured 7.9 on the Richter scale, was in 1923 when 140,000 people were killed in Tokyo and nearby Yokohama. More than 560,000 homes were destroyed.

Peres meets Tunisian foreign minister

HILLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON

FOREIGN Minister Shimon Peres yesterday met publicly for the first time with his Tunisian counterpart. US Secretary of State Warren Christopher hosted the meeting.

The meeting came two days after the countries announced the establishment of economic liaison ties, following a private meeting between Peres and Habib Benyahia in New York.

"Today's event is for us a vindication of an approach that was not always risk free," Benyahia said at a State Department photo session.

Christopher then orchestrated a three-way handclasp.

Peres said that last October's multilateral talks on refugees, which took place in Tunis, "was the first indication we were moving" toward ties with Tunisia.

Meanwhile, Assistant Secretary of State for Near East Affairs Robert Pelletreau said yesterday that additional Arab League members are expected to announce the end of their secondary boycott of Israel.

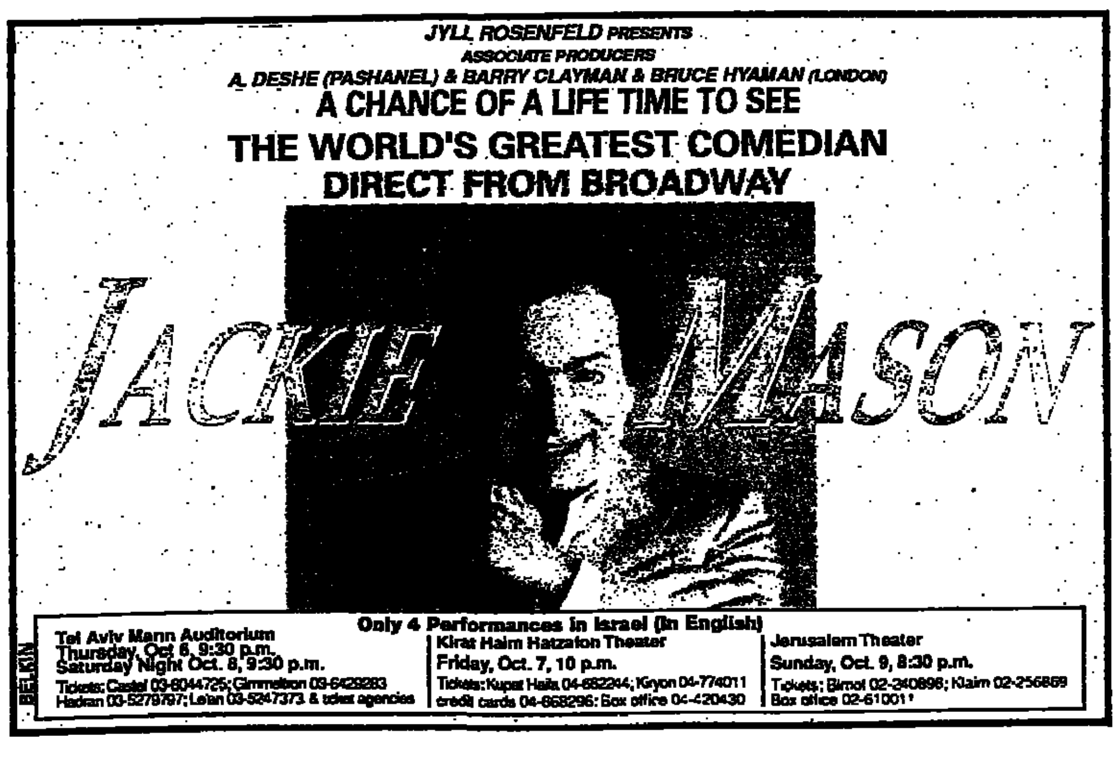
"I think the precedent of these six countries acting is going to lead a number of other countries to take exactly the same action," Pelletreau told the House foreign affairs committee, speaking of Friday's decision by the Gulf Cooperation Council.

Pelletreau said he expected the actions to be taken by countries unilaterally, rather than through the Arab League.

"I think that this will come along as progress continues to be made on the bilateral tracks, particularly the Syrian track," he said.

The progress of Jerusalem-Damascus talks will be the focus of talks between Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Shara and Secretary of State Warren Christopher and President Bill Clinton on Thursday and Friday. Christopher is due to leave for the region this weekend.

Christopher is downplaying the visit. "My whole aim is to help the parties make steady progress... but please don't get your expectations up too high," he told reporters.



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'Israel won't contest Syria in Lebanon'

DAVID MAKOVSKY

ISRAEL has informed Syria that part of any peace understanding between the two countries will include Jerusalem's commitment not to challenge Damascus's domination of Lebanon, a senior Syrian official reportedly said.

The remarks were reportedly made in an interview with the French daily *Le Monde* in Damascus.

While officials in Jerusalem refuse to confirm that such a proposal has been conveyed to Damascus, the reported remarks are consistent with a statement made this past summer by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

When asked in the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee a few months ago whether he opposes Syrian control of Lebanon, participants quoted Rabin as saying he is not bothered by the fact that some of Syria's military is diverted from other tasks by remaining in Lebanon.

It should be noted that Israel and Syria have abided by an informal "red line" agreement whereby the Syrian military is not deployed in southern Lebanon. The Taif agreement signed in 1989, which committed Syria to withdraw to the Bekaa Valley as the first step in departing Lebanon, has never been implemented. While the US remains formally committed to Taif, US officials say privately they are not pressing Damascus to comply.

Rabin has several times listed conditions for Israel's exit from southern Lebanon, but he has pointedly never made such a departure contingent upon Syria leaving that country. Rather, he has said that Israel's exit from southern Lebanon will occur six to nine months after Hizbullah is disarmed and the Lebanese Army is deployed there.

Israel also seeks the reintegration of its allied South Lebanese Army into the regular Lebanese military.

Syria has refused to allow Lebanon to proceed independently towards a deal with Israel. At the same time, Israeli officials make it clear that resolving the security situation in southern Lebanon is an essential component to any Israeli-Syrian peace agreement.

Yisrael Ben-Aharon, recently arrested on suspicion of involvement with the new Jewish terror cell, is brought to Jerusalem Magistrate's Court yesterday for a remand hearing. (Stein/Harari)

Israelis, Jordanians survey Hamat Gader

DAVID RUDGE

ISRAELI and Jordanian experts yesterday surveyed the area around the Hamat Gader hot springs site as part of ongoing work to set the border between the two countries.

The surveyors made use of satellite pictures to get an accurate view of the region. According to officials in the Jordan Valley region, Jordan has never put forward any territorial claims to the Hamat Gader hot springs themselves, although Syria sees the area as part of the Golan Heights.

World Bank officials recently toured the Jordan Valley region to assess at first hand the possibility of helping to finance various proposed joint projects.

These include a $60 million plan to organize the disposal of sewage along both side of the river and clean up the Jordan itself as a prelude to developing tourism projects in parts of the area.

One of the plans being discussed by the Jordanian/Israeli joint projects committee is for an innovative recreation and tourism complex to be built on disputed land near the abandoned Rutenberg hydro-electric plant, near Kibbutz Ashdot Ya'acov.

Jordan is claiming the return of the land in question, parts of which have been used as agricultural land by Israeli farmers in the region. A joint tourism project is seen as one way of overcoming the land dispute, while boosting employment prospects for residents on both sides of the border.

In another development, several senior tour operators from Jordan and Bahrain are expected to take part in a major campaign next month to promote tourism to the Galilee and the Jordan Valley regions.

Golan Winery celebrates expansion

HAIM SHAPIRO

LESS than a week after the end of their hunger strike at Gamla, Golan Heights residents gathered yesterday to celebrate the expansion of their best known industry, the Golan Winery.

The NIS 7 million expansion project has tripled the winery's visitors' area – with a small museum on wine-making and an auditorium – and also increased the production areas. The investment is half of the NIS 14m. to be spent on improvements over a four-year period; almost 40 percent of which is a direct grant from the government.

Winemaker Philip Steinschneider said the winery – whose Yarden wine is considered by wine experts to be the best in Israel – has no contingency plan for evacuation in the event of an Israeli pullout from the Golan Heights. In fact, he said, it is planning to plant more grapes.

"We now have 2,800 dunams (700 acres) of vineyards. Next year we plan to plant 300 more dunams," he said.

Only about 3 percent of the Yarden plantings, their prize-winning Cabernet Sauvignon grapes, are outside the Golan, in Ramot Naftali in Galilee, he said.

"We're completely dependent on the Golan. That's the key to our quality," Steinschneider said.

Katzrin Local Council chairman Sammy Bar-Lev said the government had put the Golan residents in an impossible situation, but that they would nonetheless continue both to produce and to struggle for their cause.

In response, Industry and Trade Minister Micha Harish agreed that the life of the Golan settlers is filled with uncertainty, and said this is likely to continue. But he praised the winery as a productive and successful industry.

"Each of us hopes [the issue of the Golan] will end the way we want and I extend my wishes that we all meet here next year to celebrate the success of the Golan Winery," Harish said.

Segev Yerovoam, director of the winery, said that if the Golan Heights were returned, Israel would still have good wine, but not like that of Yarden.

"There would still be fine wines from Israel and abroad, but not wines of this quality or these varieties," Yerovoam said.

Valley Railway might run again

SYBIL EHRLICH

THE Ports and Railways Authority has obtained from the D.A.L. planning company preliminary plans for reopening the Valley Railway, with an eye toward eventually linking it to the Jordanian and Syrian rail systems.

The Valley Railway was opened in 1905 as a branch of the Hejaz Railway, and ran until the War of Independence. Since then parts of the original track bed have been expropriated by various bodies, including Kibbutz Yagur, Ramat David, and the Shatta Prison.

In view of the peace process with neighboring countries and the prospect of free movement between them, the authority is examining the possibility of reopening the line, which would link up with neighboring countries as part of a regional railway network.

The projected line would link Jordan and Syria and pass through the Jezreel and Beit She'an valleys, a topographically convenient route about 100 km. in length, and is expected to cost $250 million.

The line would start in Haifa and cross the length of the Jezreel Valley, through Afula to Beit She'an. Beyond that, the route can continue through Hamat Gader in the direction of Der'a in Syria and link up to the Syrian railway system, or from eastwards to Irbid in Jordan and a link to the Jordanian system.

The project will be included in the ongoing territorial discussions between Israel, Jordan, and the US.

Neveh Ativ residents deny report of armed struggle vs. withdrawal

DAVID RUDGE

RESIDENTS of Moshav Neveh Ativ on the slopes of Mt. Hermon are going ahead with plans to entrench themselves in the area and resist any attempts to evict them in the event of an Israeli withdrawal from the region.

But the residents stressed they had no intention of using weapons of any kind to fight eviction attempts.

Ze'ev Greenfeld, one of the residents leading the proposed campaign, strenuously denied a report on the Channel 2 news last night that they were preparing for an armed struggle.

"That was the headline put on the report by the editors, but nobody here is saying that. On the contrary we have made it clear that we have no intention to use weapons or to resort to violence," said Greenfeld, who figured in the Channel 2 news report.

Yesterday he hosted a group of right-wingers at the moshav. One of the guests, a retired IDF colonel, said people had the right and obligation to defend their homes, holding weapons if necessary, against any illegal attempts to evict them.

Greenfeld, whose NIS 17 million holiday village on the moshav is now nearing completion, stressed that the retired colonel, Shlomo Baum, was expressing a personal opinion and was not a resident of Neveh Ativ.

He revealed that so far 1,500 people had signed a commitment to come to the aid of Neveh Ativ residents and join them at the barricades in an effort to prevent families being evicted from their homes.

"Our plans are aimed at holding onto the Hermon and our homes here by whatever means we can, without having to resort to violence," he said.

In a separate development, members of the Golan Residents Committee are sending another cable to President Bill Clinton.

The message reads: "Before you meet with the Syrian foreign minister, we ask you as a fellow democracy whether you would trust the future of your country and the human rights of your citizens to this (Syrian) type of dictatorship."

MK Shalom resigns from BGU board after president meets Arafat

AMIR ROZENBLIT and BATSHEVA TSUR

MK SILVAN Shalom (Likud) resigned from the board of directors of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev yesterday, following a meeting the previous day between a university delegation, headed by President Dr. Avishai Braverman, and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat and Nabil Shaath in Gaza.

"I was surprised to hear that the leadership of the university you head, including yourself, met yesterday with PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat and the leadership of his organization and decided to give scholarships to students from Gaza," Shalom, a former president of the university's student council, wrote in an angry letter of resignation to Braverman.

"In principle, I am not opposed to meetings with Palestinian academic bodies, but this meeting had a political character .... This unprecedented action transforms Ben-Gurion University into a political university in every sphere ... This action is particularly serious because a majority of the residents of Beersheba and the region, and a significant number of the students, oppose such actions."

Braverman, in turn, expressed surprise at Shalom's action. "We were saddened that MK Shalom did not bother to clarify the specifics before he decided to resign from the board of directors, and we hope he will reconsider," he said.

"The university and its researchers have longstanding ties – since the 1970s – with their colleagues

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

A joint German-Israeli committee of the Minerva Foundation, a body created by the Max Planck Society to support cooperative research projects involving German and Israeli scientists, is meeting at the Weizmann Institute this week, under the chairmanship of Prof. Bert Sakmann to review projects taking place on its campus.

A dinner in their honor was hosted last night by the Vice President of the Institute and Mrs. Yoram Groner.

This evening they will be hosted by the President of the Institute and Mrs. Haim Harari.

The weekly meeting of the English-speaking Jerusalem Rotary Club will take place today at 1 p.m. at the YMCA, King David Street. Prof. Galia Golan will speak on "The Peace Process." Last week's speaker was Mr. Avi Kadan of Arava Agricultural Exports.

ARRIVALS

The Chairman of the International Board of Trustees of the I.T.C. Mr. Peter Collins and his wife Sandra, from London, to attend the Joyce Eisenberg Israel Open Tennis Tournament and the annual Board Meetings.

Samara denies being kidnapped

BILL HUTMAN

PALESTINIAN TV chief Samih Samara last night told police he was not kidnapped and taken to Jericho by Palestinian security agents, as police had alleged, a source close to Samara said.

Samara came to Jerusalem's Russian Compound police station at around 7 p.m., met with investigators and was given his belongings, including his passport, that police say were taken by the agents on the night of the kidnapping.

The source said Samara asked for and received a permit to travel to his home in Gaza. Police maintained he wanted to go there to escape Rajoub.

According to police, Samara has been held in Jericho by Rajoub on allegations of "immoral activity." Police sources said Samara is afraid to speak out against Rajoub.

Samara's questioning sets the stage for the release on bail of three of Rajoub's agents held in the alleged kidnapping.

According to a deal worked out with the district attorney last week, the three must now each pay NIS 30,000 bail to be released to house arrest. Their attorney, Neala Atiah, said she would appeal today for a reduction in bail.

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Palestinian Police training Nablus group for guard jobs

JON IMMANUEL

SEVENTY-FIVE Nablus residents have undergone training under Palestinian Police auspices in Jericho to take up jobs as traffic controllers, guards, and municipal inspectors with the knowledge of the Israeli authorities.

But a report yesterday on Israel Radio suggested that the Palestinian Authority was establishing a police force outside Gaza and Jericho ahead of an agreement with Israel on such a move.

Nablus Mayor Ghassan Shakaa said that although called "municipal police" in Arabic, their function was not to be police in the sense specified in the Israeli-PLO Declaration of Principles. "They did not train with guns," he said.

Civil administration spokeswoman Elise Shazar agreed, saying that the group of 75 "trained with our knowledge" in Jericho, "as unarmed municipal guards," but said Shakaa had not yet received authorization to deploy them around Nablus.

She said authorization would likely come since "municipal guards have been operating with authorization in Tulkarm and Ramallah, as they were entitled to do under Jordanian law."

Shakaa applied for permission to train the guards or inspectors a month ago. He met with the governor of Nablus yesterday to ask for permission to send another 75 men for training, but has not yet received permission.

Other towns are expected to send guards for training to Jericho with civil administration knowledge.

Herb Keinon adds:

Aryeh Ofri, head of the Samaria Regional Council, said although he does not object to the placement of municipal supervisors to hand out traffic tickets and issue business permits, policemen are a different story.

"A policeman already has a great deal of significance," Ofri said. "He can stop you, he can ask for your gun. It is a completely different matter."

Ofri said placement of Palestinian policemen in the large cities in the territories is likely to "be a source of problems." He said the IDF directives in the territories are that Palestinians with weapons are to be arrested.

"What am I supposed to do if I see a Palestinian with a gun," he said. "Think it is a terrorist, or stop and see whether he is from the peace police."

Ofri said he realizes there will likely be police in the large Palestinian cities when the IDF withdraws in advance of elections. "That's different," he said. "Then there will obviously be other security arrangements for us, we will have escorts. But there are still problems with the police in Gaza and Jericho. What's the rush here."

Wall rabbi says feeling of 'terror' has gripped Old City

BILL HUTMAN

AN "atmosphere of terror" has overtaken Jerusalem's Old City and is keeping many from visiting the Western Wall, Rabbi Yehuda Getz, rabbi of the Wall, declared yesterday.

"Something must be done immediately to improve security in the Old City," an upset Getz told the Knesset Interior Committee.

Getz ignored committee chairman Yehoshua Matza's request to sit while speaking, as is the custom, and delivered a standing tirade against an alleged "lack of security."

"There is an atmosphere of terror in the Old City that is keeping away not only worshipers, but also pupils whose parents won't let them go and soldiers no longer taken there on tours," Getz told the committee. He and other Old City Jewish leaders charged that police are not keeping the main pedestrian arteries to the Western Wall safe, particularly from Damascus Gate along Rehov Haggai.

They dismissed statistics showing terror attacks were down in the Old City, saying there were fewer attacks only because fewer Jews were coming through the Moslem and Christian quarters.

"There have been few attacks around Damascus Gate, because no one is going through there anymore," said David Silverberg, who spoke in the name of Western Wall worshipers.

Jerusalem police chief Cmdr. Arye Amit dismissed the allegations. He noted that Getz himself has said that last year there were three to four million visitors to the Western Wall.

Amit also rejected a proposal by Old City leaders and Jerusalem Deputy Mayor Meshulam Amit that guard posts be built on Rehov Haggai and other areas prone to attack.

Stationary posts simply become targets, Amit said, adding that foot patrols are more effective in keeping the peace.

Police manpower is to be beefed up soon on a permanent basis by soldiers, who will serve under police command in the Old City, Amit told the committee.

Matza said committee members would soon tour the Old City to see first hand what is needed to improve security there.

Lebanese soccer spat flares into violence

DAVID RUDGE

A DISPUTE during a weekend soccer game between teams from Christian and Shi'ite villages inside the security zone has flared into sectarian violence along religious lines, Lebanese newspapers reported yesterday.

The newspapers said residents of Rumeish, a Christian village, and Ayta-Sha'ab, a Shi'ite village, serving in the South Lebanese Army, had set up their own armed roadblocks.

According to the reports, several residents of both villages have already been badly beaten by their rivals and at least two had to be hospitalized.

The roadblocks mean that residents of Rumeish cannot travel anywhere near Ayta-Sha'ab and vice versa. The latter are now unable to reach Bint J'bail, the main Shi'ite center in the western sector of the zone, and the former are unable to get to Nakoura on the coast, the reports said.

Terrorist says he can find Sa'adon's body

CONVICTED Hamas terrorist Salah Shahada said yesterday he could find the body of murdered soldier Ilan Sa'adon if he were released from prison.

Shahada was head of the Izzadin Kassam terror cell which abducted and murdered Sa'adon. However, he said he does not know where the body is.

"Only when I am freed will I be able, along with Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, to find the body of your brother," he told Sa'adon's sister, Mazal Huta, yesterday.

Huta asked for special permission from Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to visit Shahada in prison in order to extract information on the location of her brother's body.

(Itim)

Infant deaths spark Hebron hospital closure

JON IMMANUEL

THE civil administration has closed the maternity wards at Hebron's Alya Hospital, after at least six out of eight babies in the premature infant unit died during a 10-day period last month.

Spokeswoman Elise Shazar said that the administration health officer reported six babies died, three of them from an infection.

Dr. Yusef Sharawi, chief obstetrician at the hospital, said seven out of eight of the infants in the ward on September 20 died. In comparison, only two of 32 premature babies in the ward during August died.

He said two sets of twins may have died because they were very underweight, while three others died of infections.

Only one infant in the ward survived because "his mother fled with it from the hospital," Sharawi said.

The infection had spread to other babies in other wards.

The first baby died on September 20, followed by two more during the following week. "On September 28, three died and that rang an alarm bell. One more died on September 30," after which the civil administration was informed.

Sharawi said he had warned that conditions in his department were unhygienic. "Windows cannot be closed and cats, if not rats, have come into the ward," he said.

Two years ago, the civil administration, which administers the hospital, opened a new wing including the maternity ward, but the obstetrics department remained in an old wing of the building.

Health is one of the civil administration departments that was to have been transferred to Palestinian self-rule on August 29. Transfer was delayed due to lack of sufficient Palestinian funding.

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Knesset panel decides not to punish Hanegbi

EVELYN GORDON

THE Knesset House Committee yesterday voted 7-1 not to punish Tzahi Hanegbi (Likud) for interrupting Monday's plenum session with a recording of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Hanegbi threw the plenum into pandemonium when he started playing Rabin's "we will not come down from the Golan" speech as Rabin began his annual foreign policy address. He and the tape-player were immediately removed from the room.

Speaker Shevah Weiss then asked the committee to ban Hanegbi from the next five plenum sessions – one of the most severe penalties permitted – to defend the dignity of the Knesset.

"The Knesset is being turned into a place for theatrics," he said. "We want to fight this. I think this is my primary task, and it's the committee's job to support me."

Hanegbi, however, argued that what he had done was a legitimate form of political expression.

"The Knesset is an arena of political struggle, not an academic cathedral or a sterile institution," he said, adding that there was no reason not to use gimmicks in this struggle if they are in good taste. "What damages the Knesset's image is when the plenum is empty of MKs, not when they come to fight for their beliefs."

He added that his trick was certainly not directed against Weiss, and he was sorry if he had been offended.

MKs from all parties basically agreed with Hanegbi, though some said he should be reprimanded. Several attacked Weiss for making an issue over a good joke.

"What's the point of this discussion?" asked Yitzhak Levy (NRP). "There was reason to his gimmick."

"You're dramatizing the issue," Eli Dayan (Labor) told Weiss. "This was a protest in good taste."

Committee chairman Haggai Merom (Labor) was the only MK to come to Weiss's defense.

"Why are you reprimanding the Speaker?" he asked. "Pretty soon you'll be asking to ban him [Weiss] from five plenum sessions. [Hanegbi's trick] was a serious blow to the dignity of the Knesset."

After the meeting, Weiss expressed disappointment.

"This is starting to become routine in the Knesset... that it defends whatever its members do," he said. "What happened here will give a seal of approval to clowning, until further notice."

Lithuanian Prime Minister Adolfas Slezevicius lays a wreath yesterday at the Knesset's monument to the IDF fallen. (Isaac Harari)

Lithuanian PM: No money for reparations

LITHUANIAN Prime Minister Adolfas Slezevicius said yesterday that, for the time being, Holocaust survivors of Lithuanian origin are barred by law from receiving any indemnification for their stolen property. But he hinted the country's economic situation is the main impediment to paying compensation.

Slezevicius, who concluded a five-day visit yesterday, announced at a press conference that he had signed two agreements: for cultural exchanges and for the protection of investments by citizens of one country in the other.

Asked about reparations, the Lithuanian leader cited his country's law against indemnifying non-citizens, but added, "At present it appears that changing this law would cause difficult social problems in Lithuania."

Slezevicius met earlier in the day with President Ezer Weizman and visited Yad Vashem. He said Lithuania would soon open an embassy here. Slezevicius also agreed to permit researchers access to the famed Vilna Collection of documents relating to Jewish communities there. (Itim)

NEWS IN BRIEF

Two die in staircase collapse

Two workmen were killed yesterday when stairs they were installing in a Ramat Gan apartment building collapsed on them.

Suleiman Aladdin, 53, of the Galilee village of Kafr Beina, and Petro Podorika, 22, a Romanian national, were been on the eighth story of the building when the staircase fell on them.

Police are investigating the cause of the accident to discover if negligence was involved.

Huge flock of vultures passes over country

A flock of 15,000 vultures, spread out over some 60 kilometers, passed over the country yesterday, according to a researcher with the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel.

Dan Alon, who coordinates the SPNI's bird migration survey, said the birds were spotted in the early morning near Nahalal, continued over the edge of Samaria, and passed over Jerusalem in the afternoon. The flock was expected to cross into Egypt before dark.

Teacher sentenced for abusing pupil

A kindergarten teacher who tied the hands of a four-year-old child, causing him bruises, was given a six-month suspended sentence by Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Esther Horari, 37, claimed that she tied the boy's hands with a ribbon because "he was acting wildly that day and hitting other children" in the Agudat Yisrael kindergarten in Tel Aviv's Hatikva Quarter. She said she tied him only for a few minutes.

She added that she had not intended to hurt him.

In sentencing, Judge Bracha Ophir emphasized the gravity of the act and said the woman would be severely punished if something similar happened again. *Itim*

Beer prices up

The prices of Tempo beers will go up some 4 percent today. The price rise was approved yesterday by the Industry and Trade Ministry.

A 480-ml. returnable bottle of Nesher beer now costs NIS 1.25, as does the malt beer. The 480-ml. returnable bottle of Goldstar now costs NIS 1.90.

Winning cards and numbers

In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the ace of spades, seven of hearts, seven of diamonds, and seven of clubs. In yesterday's Lotto draw, the winning numbers were 44, 43, 37, 36, 31, and 8; with the additional number 24.

Government to promote high-rises

Jerusalem Post Staff

PRIORITY will be given to the construction of modern, high-rise buildings in the center of the country, and lower buildings in the more peripheral areas, Shimon Sheves, director-general of the Prime Minister's Office and chairman of the Directors-General Committee on Housing, said yesterday.

Building more apartments on the same amount of land will help lower housing costs in the center of the country, he said at the end of the panel's visit to Netanya.

Sheves also said that approval for the construction of 3,000 housing units in Netanya and other central cities will be granted within four weeks.

Sharansky not surprised by draw with Kasparov

BATSHEVA TSUR

"WHEN I was in the darkness of solitary confinement, I used to play chess in my head to keep sane – and, of course, I always won all the games myself," Natan Sharansky said yesterday after playing to a surprise draw in a simultaneous game with world chess champion Gary Kasparov.

"You have to remember it was a simultaneous match," the former Prisoner of Zion added. "I was really disappointed. I had hoped to win." He said he had "consoled" Kasparov by pointing out they are both graduates of the Soviet Chess School.

Sharansky said that his dream as a boy was to be world chess champion. He had been champion of his school and later of his home city, although his interest waned when he became a dissident. "But chess has served me always as a model for logic," he said.

Sharanksy described Kasparov's views on democracy in the former Soviet Union as being "very close to those of dissidents like myself."

At a news conference yesterday, Kasparov said he is skeptical about the possibility of Israel achieving peace "with all the neighbors in such a short period of time."

Kasparov advised Israel not to rely on any proposals to station American peacekeepers on the Golan Heights.

"The United States demonstrates an unwillingness to do anything which goes beyond diplomatic negotiating," he said, adding that the new world order once touted by former president George Bush is "a fake."

Tomorrow Kasparov is to meet with olim from the CIS in Tel Aviv.

Local doctors claim new treatment for pedophilia

JUDY SIEGEL

TWO Jerusalem doctors have discovered that a drug which delays premature sexual maturity in girls and improves women's chances for in vitro fertilization also successfully suppresses pedophilia.

Prof. Ariel Rösler, deputy head of the endocrinology department at Hadassah-University Hospital in Ein Kerem, and Dr. Eliezer Witztum of the Herzog/Ezrat Nashim psychiatric hospital, say they are the first in the world to use the imported drug for treating pedophilia. Males who suffer from this psychiatric disorder have an uncontrollable desire for sexual activity or physical contact with young children of either sex, or they display voyeuristic behavior.

The conventional treatment for pedophilia involves the use of several drugs, says Rösler, but all of these cause serious side effects, including blood clotting, the growth of breasts, liver malfunctions, weight gain, and gallstones. The two decided to try Decapeptyl-CR (controlled release), an injectible drug developed less than a decade ago by Sweden's Ferring company. Clinical trials approved by the hospitals' Helsinki Committees on Human Experimentation began a year ago; 10 pedophiles have completely lost the urge for sexual relations with children.

The Hadassah endocrinologist said that the drug, injected into the buttocks once a month, suppresses the hormonal excretion of the pituitary gland. It causes no harmful side effects, except possibly a reduction in bone mass. Decapeptyl-CR significantly reduces the production of the male hormone testosterone, thereby suppressing the urge for pedophilia.

It also causes male sterility, but this is reversible soon after the patient stops taking the drug. It does not cause impotence, but allows sexual relations with one's adult partner, albeit at a somewhat reduced level of drive and functioning, said Rösler.

He said there are no accurate statistics on the number of pedophiles in the country, but they probably number in the hundreds. Among his patients are married men from all sectors of society, secular and religious.

By law, no one convicted or accused of pedophilia can be forced to take a drug that suppresses this urge. However, the 10 patients in the trial – referred by courts, the police, and psychiatric institutions – agreed to take the drug voluntarily. Each injection costs NIS 600, but the Swedish company is supplying the drug free.

Within a year, at the end of the study, Decapeptyl-CR could be recognized by the Health Ministry for the treatment of pedophilia and paid for (and injected) by the health funds. Rösler said he does not yet know whether patients have to receive the injections for the rest of their lives or for just a limited time.

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Haitian coup leader Francois leaves country

DAVID BEARD

PORT-AU-PRINCE

HAITIAN coup leader Michel Francois fled the country yesterday, and the US Embassy said it anticipates the departure of Haiti's other two military chieftans "in the near future."

Francois, police chief of the capital, masterminded squads of "attaches" or army auxiliaries who were responsible for much of the terror in the nation since the September 1991 overthrow of elected President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

There was no indication that fellow coup leaders Lt. Gen. Raoul Cedras and army chief of staff Philippe Biamby had joined Francois in exile. The United States, which has sent about 19,000 troops to Haiti to help restore the elected government, is seeking the peaceful departure of all three military leaders.

Francois, Cedras and Biamby have agreed to step down by Oct. 15 under a last-minute plan that narrowly averted a US invasion.

Francois fled Port-au-Prince at 9:30 p.m. sneaking past the Haitian border post, said US Embassy spokesman Stanley Schrager. After being delayed several hours, he crossed the border at Mal Paso about 10:30 a.m. enroute to the capital of Santo Domingo, according to border officials who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

"His departure represents a major step foward" in laying the groundwork for the restoration of democracy, Schrager, the US embassy spokesman, said yesterday. "There is a new sheriff in town. We fully anticipate the departure of Gen. Cedras and Gen. Biamby in the near future."

Francois, traveling in a four-wheel-drive vehicle, was accompanied by his wife, his brother Evans, two other women and three bodyguards, a customs agent said.

Evans Francois has a luxurious residence in the Dominican Republic, which shares the Caribbean island of Hispaniola with Haiti.

Despite the reports, the Dominican Republic's foreign affairs secretary, Carlos Morales Troncoso, would not confirm yesterday that Francois had been granted political asylum.

The news electrified Aristide supporters.

"It is an important step toward the re-establishment of democracy and peace," Port-au-Prince Mayor Evans Paul, Aristide's campaign manager, told the AP. "The others (Cedras and Biamby) should follow his example."

Francois, a police precinct chief when his men rose up against Aristide, was widely seen as the power behind three years of military domination.

He enriched himself through control of customs, ports and telecommunication divisions of government. His lieutenants controlled lucrative contraband businesses that flourished after the United Nations imposed a series of economic sanctions against the military regime. (AP)

One-time exile wins Brazil poll

SAO PAULO (Reuter) – Fernando Henrique Cardoso, a free-market advocate whom the military once forced into exile, won Brazil's presidential elections by a wide margin, exit polls showed.

Cardoso swept to victory by reaping nearly six million votes more than all other candidates combined – a margin easily big enough to avoid a runoff with his nearest rival, leftist Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva.

Vote-counting was due to begin early yesterday, and final results were not expected until next week.

But Cardoso's backers were already looking to his future government, which will face the challenge of bringing back growth and stability to a nation wracked by poverty, crime, corruption and political upheaval.

Inflation, once at world-record levels, is at its lowest rate in eight years thanks to a popular anti-inflation plan created by Cardoso when he was economy minister early this year.

"Next year has to be the year of consolidation of economic reforms. That's what awaits us," said congressman Fabio Feldman of Cardoso's Brazilian Social Democratic Party.

Russian special policemen arrest two racketeers in central Moscow yesterday. (Reuter)

Yeltsin confident on anniversary of revolt

MOSCOW (Reuter) – President Boris Yeltsin said yesterday he was building a Russia "without evil, blood and deception" a year after crushing a hardline revolt.

Addressing a news conference on the anniversary of the collapse of the parliamentary rebellion, Yeltsin offered his allies more reforms and his Communist rivals a place in government.

He also said he opposed any postponement of presidential elections set for 1996.

Speaking a week after a successful trip to Washinton, he also served notice that Russia remained a "great power" and would insist on being consulted on international affairs.

The 63-year-old Russian leader opened his hour-long Kremlin news conference with an expression of regret for the more than 140 deaths – on both sides of the confrontation – in two days of clashes last year in central Moscow.

"The main thing is that a second October revolution did not occur," he said, referring to the 1917 Bolshevik revolution that ushered in more than seven decades of Communist rule.

"We are building a new Russia without evil, blood and deception and remember those who died, regardless of whether they were defending democracy or were on the side of those pushing Russia towards civil war...Our biggest gain is that we have achieved a political and economic consensus."

At dawn on October 4, 1993 tanks dispatched by Yeltsin to the White House parliament confronted hardline deputies holed up inside and blasted them into submission within hours.

Emboldened by hardline demonstrations which routed police on Moscow streets, the deputies led by Vice President Alexander Rutskoi had called for the seizure of key Moscow buildings to oust Yeltsin. At least 140 people died in two days of fighting.

Yeltsin told reporters the intervening year had seen the first signs of economic and political reforms bearing fruit.

Monthly inflation, he said, had been reduced from 25 percent to four percent, creating an "explosive effect" in Western minds. Consumers were saving more and shops were full of goods.

"There is a completely different attitude to Russia from a year ago. Any change in policy is out of the question," he said.

"We have decided to be just a bit tougher with reforms than we have so far. If there are no negative influences in the social sphere, then let's go forward."

Yeltsin said he opposed any postponement of new presidential elections in mid-1996, as had been suggested by some advisers.

He said he was considering minor changes in his government and suggested he was ready to let Communists into his team.

"Renewal is something quite natural for a living thing," he said. "The government is a living thing and changing one or two ministers is quite possible. There is no sin in an opposition member joining the government. It would only contribute to (social) stability."

Bosnian Serbs disrupt UN aid efforts

SARAJEVO (Reuter) – Bosnian Serb forces inflicted turmoil on the UN's Bosnian aid network yesterday, blocking convoys and setting "unacceptable" conditions for the reopening of Sarajevo airport.

UN peacekeepers protested the Bosnian Serb Army (BSA) had reneged for a third day on promises to allow relief for 2.7 million civilians to move freely.

Aid officials warned it could be impossible to keep Sarajevo's 380,000 population supplied this winter if the airport stayed shut under Serb threats to shoot down planes using it.

UN special envoy Yasushi Akashi planned to go to the Bosnian Serb "capital" of Pale today to try to break the impasse at a meeting which a UN source said was "potentially one of the most important of the War."

The aid program has been in chaos for 10 days since the Serbs halted convoys across 70 percent of Bosnian soil under their control in retaliation for a NATO air strike.

BSA commanders baulked at honoring an agreement by their political leaders to allow road aid to resume and they hardened terms for reopening the airport.

The Serbs wanted to share control of the airport with the peacekeepers and also wanted the UN to pay for using it.

"They have put forward demands with regard to the airport which we regard as unacceptable...a question for example of rental fees, licence arrangements and so on," spokesman Michael Williams said in Zagreb.

He warned it was "highly dangerous" to use the airport in defiance of Serb gunners positioned within a few hundred metres (yards) of its runway.

Eighty percent of Sarajevo's aid passes through the airport and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) said it would be difficult, if not impossible, to feed the city without the air bridge.

Clinton welcomes Mandela at White House

WASHINGTON (AP) – President Clinton welcomed Nelson Mandela to the White House yesterday, saying the South African leader's path from imprisonment in an apartheid state to the presidency of a new democracy is "proof that the human spirit can never be crushed."

"You are living proof that the forces of justice and reconciliation can bridge any divide," Clinton told Mandela at a formal arrival ceremony marking the South African leader's first visit to Washington as president.

Mandela said the victory against apartheid paved the way for a new struggle to improve the lot of a majority of South Africa's people.

"We have opened a new battle line to fight against poverty, against hunger, against joblessness, against homelessness, against disease, illiteracy, lack of electricity, of running water, of health care," he said to an invited crowd of 4,500.

That battle, he said, "may prove to be a more difficult battle" than the fight against apartheid."

Mandela also paid tribute to the support of black America for black South Africans' long fight for racial equality.

"The Afro-Americans never forgot that Africa is their continent," he said.

Underscoring the main goal of his trip, he made a plea for American investment to rebuild South Africa's economy, which has languished under years of international sanctions against the apartheid system of racial separation.

"People of the United States of America, come and invest in our country," he said.

He said he was confident he would not go home "with empty hands."

Mandela was beginning a five-day stay focused on efforts to win private investment and business interest in South Africa, where investor concerns about political stability linger.

Video survey finds no bodies on sunken Estonian ferry

TURKU (Reuter) – The Estonia, a ghost ship lying at the bottom of the Baltic Sea, is keeping its secrets – for the moment.

Remote-controlled video cameras have shot 16 hours of footage of the wreck of the huge car and passenger ferry that sank a week ago, but the ship's windows simply reflect the camera lights, refusing them entry.

Inside the vessel are entombed the bodies of more than 800 men, women and children, their lives ended suddenly when a pleasure cruise over the Baltic Sea turned into a nightmare as water rushed in through the ferry's front door.

"It looks a little like a ghost ship, but of course we can only see parts of the ship through the cameras, only a few square metres at a time," said Tuomo Karppinen, a member of the board of inquiry examining the disaster.

Karppinen, who has seen almost all of the footage, said no bodies had been seen. The grainy film footage gives an ironic sense of calm and tranquillity as the remote controlled machines glide along the exterior of the ship.

"We have seen no bodies, not one, and we did not see anything dramatic. There are very few objects around the vessel, just a newspaper, a plastic bag, things like that," he said.

The images have concentrated on the Estonia's bow section – or lack of one. The footage showed the bow door, which acts as the bow of the ship and lifts up in port, has been torn off. A gaping hole is seen where the 50-tonne door should be.

The camera moves slowly along the hull of the white-painted ship, picking out its name and port of origin, "Estonia, Tallinn," before showing lifeboats hanging uselessly from derricks.

The cameras zoom in on the bridge, where Captain Aavo Andressen is said by Estonian authorities to have gone down with his ship. The flashlights are reflected in the windows, which refuse to reveal the interior.

The video camera did not linger outside ordinary cabin windows, where each one probably conceals a horrible secret.

Most of those who escaped shortly after midnight were on the top decks, enjoying a drink in the bar or one of several shows during the voyage.

Below decks, the older passengers, or families with young children were in their beds and asleep when the ship lurched and sank suddenly. They are probably still trapped in their cabins.

Most who died in the disaster were Swedes or Estonians.

No decision has yet been made on whether the ship will be salvaged or whether anyone will attempt to bring the bodies back to the surface for burial.

A salvage attempt would be one of the most ambitious ever attempted and bringing bodies from inside the ship would be a dangerous and gruelling job for divers. R

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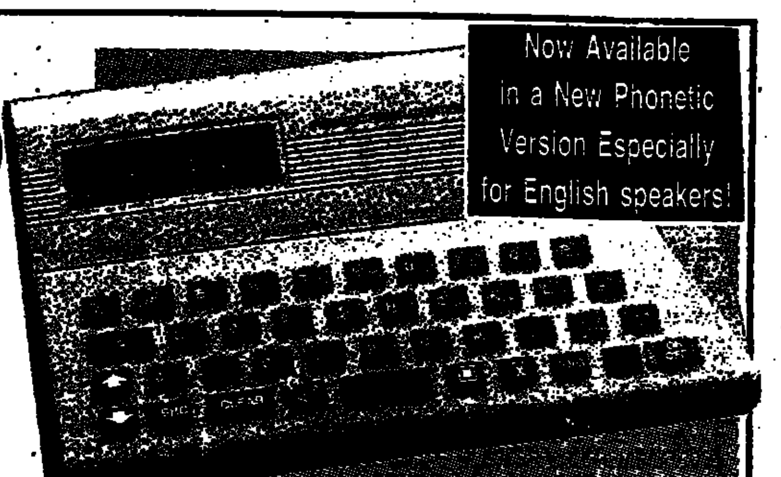
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Lebanon unveils reconstruction plan

PRIME Minister Rafik al-Hariri this week unveiled details of his $11 billion plan to turn Lebanon into a competitive, modern country in the next 10 years and sent it to parliament for approval.

Hariri's "Plan 2000," comprising 18 "program laws" for different areas of postwar reconstruction, was 18 months in preparation by the government and its Council for Development and Reconstruction.

The 18 laws were included as annexes in the 1995 budget bill which parliament must approve by the end of January.

Hariri told reporters after a cabinet meeting which gave the plan final government approval that he hoped it would attract a full and fair debate in the country on national priorities.

"This plan is not the government's property. The entire Lebanese people must take responsibility for it," he said.

The 18.9 trillion Lebanese pounds ($11.38 billion) plan is intended to go beyond repairing the damage Lebanon suffered in the 1975–90 civil war and to build facilities and services compatible with a vigorous, competitive upper-middle-income country.

The main items are development of education, repair and construction of educational institutions and hospitals, water projects, irrigation and sewage, electricity and road-building.

Projects also include development of public transport, ports, oil refineries, environmental projects, solid waste disposal and construction of public buildings.

Hariri, a 50-year-old construction billionaire who made his fortune in Saudi Arabia, said nearly 30 percent of the plan was dedicated to social needs – housing, education, health and social welfare.

The rebuilding of Beirut has begun in a style typical of the Lebanese capital's notorious reputation: tonnes of explosives and lots of bangs.

SOLIDERE, the company entrusted with restoring Beirut's past glory, is blowing up buildings in the war-damaged old Levantine city to make way for futuristic avenues, esplanades and a financial district.

The men doing it are sappers with vast experience. Most learned the trade working at quarries before they were hired to work under the supervision of Lebanese army officers.

A few were members of militias which blew up houses and whole villages during Lebanon's civil war. Now they are blowing up for peace.

"It is a hundred times more satisfying to blow up buildings for the sake of peace rather than in war," one sapper said. "At least once it is done smiles are seen everywhere."

Explosives, wrecking balls and bulldozers have demolished 120 buildings, creating a vast empty lot in the heart of the city open to the Mediterranean shore.

An estimated three million tonnes of rubble have so far been cleared and mostly dumped into the sea to create a 650,000-square-meter landfill on which SOLIDERE will build parks and a modern financial district.

Some of the old buildings are being saved for architectural merit and others because they are inhabited.

Tiny markets and a banking district made up most of the downtown area before the civil war broke out in 1975. The then-bustling capital was known as the Paris of the Middle East. Its nightlife was legendary. (News agencies)

Rights and wrongs in the Middle East

BOOKS

NISSIM REJWAN

RULES AND RIGHTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST: Democracy, Law, and Society edited by Ellis Goldberg, Resat Kasaba and Joel S. Migdal. Seattle and London, University of Washington Press. 280 pp. Price not stated.

FOR PALESTINE edited by Jay Murphy. New York and London, Writers and Readers. 262 pp. $14.95/£10.99.

BETWEEN them, the two books under review appear to cover the entire field of the current fortunes of human rights, the rule of law, civil society, democracy and even taxation, in practically every country of the Middle East.

Rules and Rights in the Middle East alone offers weighty papers and essays on Syria, Iraq, Iran, Arab North Africa and Israel, besides general ones on the process of democratization; American policy and medieval Arab political theory and practice.

Considering the credentials of both editors and contributors, and the variety of disciplines involved, it comes as no surprise that the accounts they offer and the judgments they make are balanced and well considered.

Insofar as these can be generalized, the conclusion they collectively reach calls into question the assumption that the Middle East lacks traits of, or prospects for, democracy, owing to the absence of autonomous elites, a heritage of despotism or the nature of Islam.

Instead, a more inclusive and dynamic view of democracy is taken, seeing it as "an ongoing project that unfolds on two related fronts – the continuous assertion and exercise of popular sovereignty... and the equally persistent declaration and protection of fundamental human rights."

While this sounds like a tall enough order, one cannot but agree with the other main point that the book attempts to demonstrate: neither the region's overgrown state structures nor the corresponding weakness of autonomous societal organizations should or can be explained by referring to the "cultural characteristics" of Middle Easterners or the precepts of their religions.

True explanation, we are told, should be framed historically. This approach is well illustrated by Roger Owen's paper on the practice of electoral democracy in the Arab East and North Africa, in which the author looks at the lessons learned from nearly a century's experiences.

Two essays on the situation in Iraq by Chibli Mallat, an Iraqi-born law professor, dwell on the intricate ways in which domestic and international systems of law have interacted to strengthen and protect a brutal dictatorship in Iraq. The international principle of sovereignty, Mallat shows, was reduced to a powerful tool for the dictatorship to maintain power. This excessive concern with "legalism," the editors maintain, appears here to be "far more the hallmark of a dictatorial regime than with Arab or Islamic culture."

There is much to ponder in Joel Migdal's essay, "Civil Society in Israel," casting doubts as it does on assumptions that have long been taken as unquestionably valid. The growth of civil society, Migdal says, is not simply a black-and-white question of whether it exists or not. The strength or weakness of different pillars of civil society, "stemming from the environment in which it developed," is bound to have a profound effect on the nature of the state and its relationship to its citizens.

In the case of Israel, Migdal argues, with little direction from the state, "public associations and behavior have inched increasingly towards particularism and exclusivism."

Pull and connections, he concludes, "have continued to dominate over broad and inclusive civic sorts of public participation; and the definition of society has rested on narrowly religious and ethnic criteria over more broadly civic ones."

Some of the contributors do not hesitate to offer recommendations and advice. Writing on "Prospects and Difficulties of Democratization in the Middle East," Bulent Ecevit, a former prime minister of Turkey and now chairman of the Democratic Left party, argues that Palestinians "could be a very important agent of change in the Middle East if they had their own independent state."

FOR PALESTINE is a bewildering mix – and too tendentious even for those of us who have nothing but sympathy for Palestine and the Palestinians. According to a rough count, we have here 26 contributors and some 28 items, including interviews, poetry and photographs. The subjects, too, vary widely – "Four in Shatila" (Jean Genet of *Le Monde*), "The Siege of Beirut" (Hilton Obenzinger), "Living Through the Gulf War: Letters from the West Bank," "From the War in Palestine to War on Censorship," and "Understanding Revolution."

There are long interviews too, with Edward Said, Hanan Ashrawi and Noam Chomsky.

Chomsky also supplies an 18-page afterword, a thorough condemnation of US Middle East policy in which the author seems to damn the administration if it does and damn it if it doesn't.

Dubbing Washington's stand "rejectionist," Chomsky asserts that if that stand prevails, "Israel will continue to integrate the territories, the core local conflict will remain unresolved, turbulence and antagonisms will fester and intermittently explode, and a stable regional settlement – let alone a just one – would be most unlikely."

King Hussein inspects 150 Jordanian peacekeepers before their departure to Haiti last week. (AP)

Jordan peps up pharmaceuticals

JACK REDDEN

AMMAN

JORDAN may attract tourists with pictures of Beduin and camels, but its little-known pharmaceutical industry takes pride of place in the kingdom's efforts to build a broader economy.

"For any business to succeed, you need an export-led expansion," said Hani al-Qadi, senior deputy general manager of the Arab Jordan Investment Bank, in summing up the sector's success.

While many Jordanian enterprises have looked for protection against foreign competition and would not venture beyond their country's neighbors, the pharmaceutical industry depends on exports and is pushing hard to break into markets beyond the Arab world.

Exports of medical and pharmaceutical products – about 80 percent of production among larger firms – soared from $27 million in 1988 to $101 million in 1993.

Industry sources say the trend continues, with major manufacturers looking to strong growth this year.

"The pharmaceuticals industry is Jordan's main exporter after raw materials," said Sameeh Darwazah, chairman of Hikma International, who founded the pharmaceutical company in 1978.

In addition to seven existing companies, Darwazah said five were being established – a significant contribution in a national economy with an annual GDP of only $4 billion.

Hikma, a private company that vies with the publicly traded Arab Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Co. Ltd. as the largest producer, has seen annual turnover rise from $23 million in 1990 to $60m. last year. Net income went from $3.8m. to $7.6m. in the same period.

Hikma, now owned by 50 shareholders but about to apply for a listing on Amman's stock market, has doubled its capacity in the last two years. Darwazah moves to a new administration building later this month.

Although the Middle East remains by far the most important market, as with all Jordan's pharmaceutical manufacturers Hikma is looking for expansion in Europe and the US.

As part of that strategy, it followed up acquisition of a Portuguese subsidiary, Hikma Farmaceutica, in 1989 with the purchase in 1991 of West-ward, a US maker of generic drugs.

"The United States will be our biggest business in a few years," said Darwazah.

Darwazah is determined to focus on the products that have provided growth so far – the generic drugs no longer protected by patents and drugs produced under license.

"We want to be one of the leading multinationals in generics," he said, believing that relatively low labor costs and the standards already reached to enter Western markets will see off the competition in this fast-growing field.

A different strategy is laid out at the Arab Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Co. Ltd. by president Maan Shuqair, holder of a doctorate in engineering from Britain's Sheffield University, who enthusiastically promotes new products.

"APM is no longer a copier of generic products," he said. "We were number one, we were the biggest. But to survive we had to be different, and to internationalize we had to be different from international companies."

A new product, based on natural substances that he said would categorize it as health food, has proved extremely effective in combating jaundice in newborns, he said in his office in Amman. Tests on 800 babies showed a nearly 100 percent success rate, he said.

He also plans to test a new line of shampoos and health-care products in the Chicago market later this year under the name Dermage.

"We are expanding vertically and horizontally beyond the pharmaceutical products," said Shuqair. "My aim is to put APM on the international map."

APM has about 1,100 employees – roughly double the Amman-based employees of Hikma but already trimmed by 100 by Shuqair in the past year.

Profits this year are estimated at about the same as 1993's $6m. because of plant closings for expansion in the first half, but Shuqair predicts "a very good year" in 1995.

The 1992 turnover of $33m. – $26.6m. of it in exports – should rise to "$100m. in four or five years," he said.

Potential problems lie ahead for Jordan's pharmaceutical industry, including growing pressure from the West to respect intellectual property rights – such as drug formulas – that have been used by some manufacturers without payment.

(Reuter)

Iraq seizes homes of Shi'ite leaders

IRAQI authorities have seized the homes of leading Shi'ite Moslem clerics and have ordered the eviction of the family of the late Ayatollah Abul-Qassem Khoei, the Shi'ites' senior religious figure, his family said.

Religious endowment properties allocated to schools and mosques in southern Iraq, where the majority Shi'ites dominate, have also been seized, the al-Khoei Foundation said in a statement this week.

The London-based foundation, run by the ayatollah's grandson, Yusif Khoei, said many of the clerical leaders whose homes were confiscated are in prison.

At least 100 senior Shi'ite clerics, including other members of the influential Khoei family, have been imprisoned since 1991.

Ayatollah Khoei and other religious figures were arrested in March 1991 after the Baghdad regime had brutally crushed an uprising by the Shi'ites in southern Iraq in the aftermath of Saddam's Gulf War defeat.

The ayatollah was later freed and died at 95 on August 8, 1992, while under house arrest in his home in the Shi'ite holy city of Najaf, south of Baghdad.

"These measures are... part of the policy of the Iraqi government to control the 1,000-year-old Shi'ite religious institution in Najaf," Yusif Khoei said by telephone from London.

The ayatollah's son, Mohammed Taghi Khoei, was killed in July when his car was crushed by a freight truck near Najaf.

Iran, which has close links with Iraq's Shi'ites, claimed he was deliberately killed as part of Baghdad's campaign to suppress the Shi'ites. Baghdad denied it.

Shi'ites form around 55 percent of Iraq's 18 million population. But the Baath Party regime in Baghdad is dominated by the minority Sunnis.

Saddam's regime has been cracking down on the Shi'ites since 1991, and tens of thousands are reported to have perished at the hands of Saddam's military and security forces.

Khoei and other opponents of the regime claim thousands of mosques, shrines, schools and libraries have been destroyed or shut down by the regime in an effort to crush the Shi'ites.

Iraq meanwhile denied Iranian allegations it was holding more than 15,000 Iranian prisoners of war in secret camps, and claimed the men were killed during the 1980-88 Gulf war.

The ruling Baath party daily *Ath-Thawra* said Teheran's allegations were an attempt to mislead the Iranian people by masking the extent of Iranian casualties

The head of Iran's Commission for Prisoners of War, Mohammed Ali Nazaran, said that "according to well-documented facts, over 15,000 Iranians missing in action are being held in secret camps in Iraq."

Egypt to debate female circumcision

THE Egyptian parliament will soon debate a law banning the widespread practice of female circumcision, Population Minister Maher Mahran was quoted as saying.

An Egyptian nongovernmental organization working to halt the mutilation of women estimates 91 percent of Egyptian women have been subjected to the ordeal.

"Female circumcision is dangerous and it should vanish. Religion cannot accept anything that is harmful to health," Mahran said.

The Egyptian government was criticized during last month's United Nations Conference on Population and Development in Cairo for not doing more to stop female circumcision.

To the embarrassment of the government, the US Cable News Network (CNN) showed footage of a 10-year-old Egyptian girl being circumcised while her parents looked on.

Police detained the film's Egyptian producer for 24 hours, while the two men who performed the operation are still in jail.

Female circumcision is illegal only in government hospitals and clinics, but doctors can perform it in their private clinics. Most operations are done by circumcisers with little or no medical training.

Circumcision is a controversial issue among religious leaders in Egypt. Moslem theologians from many schools say circumcision for both men and women is compulsory in Islam.

But Mahran said: "Circumcision will be considered a crime. Whoever practices it will be punished.

"But punishment is not enough because the practice has been ingrained as a tradition for thousands of years. There must be an awareness campaign that highlights the harm of female circumcision and makes people understand there is no religion in the world that accepts it," Mahran added.

(Reuter)

Iran bans cash changers

THE streets of downtown Teheran, usually bustling with money changers lugging briefcases full of cash, fell quiet after a ban on unlicensed dealers, according to Teheran radio.

"Things were quiet in the vicinity of the Central Bank, and foreign exchange dealers were refraining from sales and purchases near banks and licensed money changers," the radio reported.

The radio said that licensed exchange centers have been ordered to display foreign exchange sales and purchase rates.

It added that the businesses had also been instructed to refrain from buy-only and sell-only tactics, which in the past have been used to manipulate the price of the ailing rial.

The ban on unauthorized sellers was announced at the weekend by the Interior Ministry. It was the latest of many efforts by the government to stabilize the rial.(AP)

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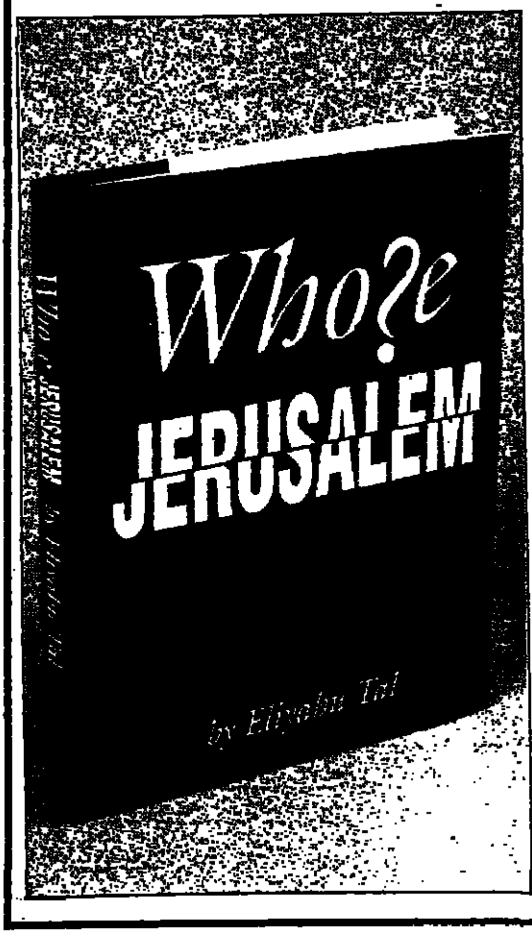

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The agreement with Shas

IF Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin had his way, there would be no such thing as Basic Laws in Israel. Though a professed admirer of the US constitution, Rabin has stated that he prefers the constitutional improvisation which prevailed in Israel before the introduction of the "Basics." The *country* survived just fine, he once said, without these "stupid laws."

Indeed, without these laws it would have been easier for Rabin to form a coalition with the haredi Shas party. Unlike secular parties with a political and socio-economic agenda, Shas is concerned strictly with its own parochial interests. Shas leaders made this clearer than ever in recent days. To pressure Rabin into effecting their return to the government, they threatened to vote against a Golan withdrawal if he failed to deliver. The fateful question of the Golan itself is obviously meaningless to them. They will vote *for* withdrawal the minute they get the two ministerial seats they were promised.

The reason Shas is perturbed by Basic Laws is that they often invalidate what is known as the "status quo" in religious affairs. This imprecise term refers to an agreement between secular governments and orthodox parties to freeze religious laws and regulations effective at the time of the establishment of the state.

But there is, of course, no way to maintain such a freeze. Attitudes, values and customs change, and regulations must change to fit new community standards. Nor are the customs of the "status quo" always compatible with democratic concepts of individual liberty and equality before the law. To demand that new generations be forced to abide by such undemocratic customs is unconscionable, and the High Court of Justice has reached precisely this conclusion. It has upheld laws that contravened the "status quo," and it has determined that individual rights supersede coalition agreements.

This is what Shas wishes to annul in its coalition agreement with the government. It wants a commitment from Rabin and the Labor Party that if the High Court overturns a law they favor, the government will introduce legislation to overturn the court's decision.

To say that this undermines the separation between the legislative and judicial branches of government is an understatement. It threatens the very foundations of the democratic system of government. It opens the way to government by edict instead of government by law.

To their credit, the human rights activists in Labor, including Justice Minister David Liba'i, voted against the agreement with Shas. Regrettably, their meritoriousness was tarnished by their intimating that they were casting a negative vote only because they knew they would be defeated.

The official Labor excuse for so blatantly selling out on democratic principles is that it assures a stable government coalition "for peace." The notion is all too familiar: the goal sanctifies the means. But that even human rights and democratic values must be sacrificed on the altar of the government's policies can only make one wonder about the value of a peace which depends on the votes of a party like Shas.

A real news service

THE planned cancellation of shortwave overseas radio broadcasts by the Israel Broadcasting Authority makes one wonder about the government's order of priorities. For more than 50 years, since before the establishment of the state, these broadcasts have provided a link between this country and the Diaspora. This is not merely a matter of sentiment. For Jews living in non-democratic, closed societies, Israeli broadcasts provided the only news of the region on which they could rely. That the Jewish communities in the Soviet empire remained informed about Israel was largely due to these broadcasts to which they listened clandestinely, and often at great risk. This is still true for Jews in oppressive countries like Iran.

Since 1967, Israel's foreign broadcasts have performed a service for listeners in the free world, too. By being a source of accurate news, they have countered the prevailing bias in the agenda-driven general media. The intention to close down these broadcasts purportedly stems from budgetary considerations. But it is difficult to imagine that the savings would be meaningful. The programs are not original productions – they are produced for local consumption. Nor is it likely that IBA employees will be dismissed – a virtual impossibility under present rules.

Most of the expenditure for the overseas operation consists of the cost of the transmitters themselves – hardly a staggering amount. Until six years ago, the budget was provided by the Jewish Agency and the Foreign Ministry, but in 1988 they withdrew, and the IBA assumed the costs. In 1991, *it* cut shortwave broadcasts to the Americas, eliminating prime-time transmissions to avoid having to employ broadcasters after midnight Israel time. At this point, both the Jewish Agency and the government agree that the broadcasts are important, but neither is willing to pay for them.

Proponents of the cancellation cite the overwhelming predominance of television in news broadcasting. Israel shortwave radio cannot compete with the ubiquitous little screen, they say, and until Israel can mount something like CNN or the BBC-TV World Service it should not waste efforts on radio. But for all the accessibility of television news, Israel Radio has proved a prime source of information for numberless listeners throughout the world. During the Gulf War, for instance, friends of Israel everywhere turned to these broadcasts for information. For those concerned about the country, first-hand reliable news seems to outweigh the attraction of television.

The Foreign Ministry, burdened by expenditures resulting from growth in relations with new countries, has not offered to renew its support. But it would be short-sighted of it to let this link with the world disappear. Nor should the Jewish Agency allow this vital connection with the Diaspora be lost. The IBA, too, should consider other measures. As Yehiel Leket, chairman of the Jewish Agency's Zionist Executive, put it: "I could point to a long list of measures to cut the IBA's budget before stopping these broadcasts."

Indeed, it is difficult to think of a public agency more wasteful and inefficient than the IBA. No equivalent broadcasting company in the industrial world produces so little and so poorly at such high costs. Before eliminating one of the few useful services it performs, the IBA may do the country a favor by cutting its staff by half.

In fact, if there is any justification for the government running a broadcasting network it is that Israel should have subsidized foreign broadcasts. If these cease to exist, there is no reason for the government to remain in the news business.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

AMERICAN TROOPS ON THE GOLAN

Sir, – Today the Clinton Administration wants us to withdraw from the Golan Heights and rely on American troops for our security. This is not good either for the American army or for us.

For the US Army, it will distort the deployment of its heavily reduced forces, putting a significant limitation on the flexibility of the army to respond to challenges elsewhere in the world.

It will alter the relationship with the Jewish state from one of mutual respect and cooperation to an unhealthy one of defender/protector. During the Gulf War, we remained on the sidelines. When our cities were attacked by Iraqi rockets, we heeded President Bush's plea to refrain from taking action and rely on America to take care of the Iraqis for us. At the time we were praised for our restraint. But less than a year later, when we did not see exactly eye-to-eye on something, Mr. Bush gave us a tongue-lashing, reminding us disparagingly that we had no right to argue with him since "American boys defended Israel during the Gulf War."

Most important of all, US army presence could ultimately lead to a confrontation between us and the last thing either of us wants is to find ourselves looking at each other down the barrel of a gun. There is a critical difference in the priorities and goals of the US and Israel. Israel's ultimate goal is to survive while the ultimate goal of the US is regional stability.

Curiously enough, if the Syrians are convinced that American forces will serve to prevent Israel from effectively retaliating, the presence of American troops on the Heights may very well raise rather than reduce the chance of war.

AARON LERNER

Ra'anana.

THE CHRISTIANIZATION OF THE SHOAH

Sir, – "Biggest Lie of Them All" (September 8) is vital documentation of the Christianization of many important sites of the Shoah. But Uri Dan and Dennis Eisenberg should have noted that Elie Wurtman, who is quoted extensively, was part of a 10-member international delegation led by Rabbi Avi Weiss of the Coalition for Jewish Concerns – Amcha. The group recently engaged in a series of demonstrations at Birkenau and Auschwitz in Poland, Theresienstadt in the Czech Republic, and Dachau in Germany to make precisely the point of the article – that Holocaust revisionism of the most egregious sort has been perpetrated at the very sources of the Shoah.

The time to act is now, before the eyewitnesses, the survivors, are no longer with us.

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TRUE DEMOCRACY

Sir, – Foreign Minister Shimon Peres's attack on the Golan Heights hunger strike as "an undemocratic means" (September 21) is absurd. In actuality, Peres's statement is the undemocratic act, for Peres is well aware that public protests are the hallmark of a true democracy. Only in a free society are people able to express their disapproval of government actions.

If the government is unhappy with public demonstrations against its suspected position of the Golan, a true democratic alternative would be a referendum on the Golan issue.

REBECCA AND MARC ELLIOT

Tel Aviv.

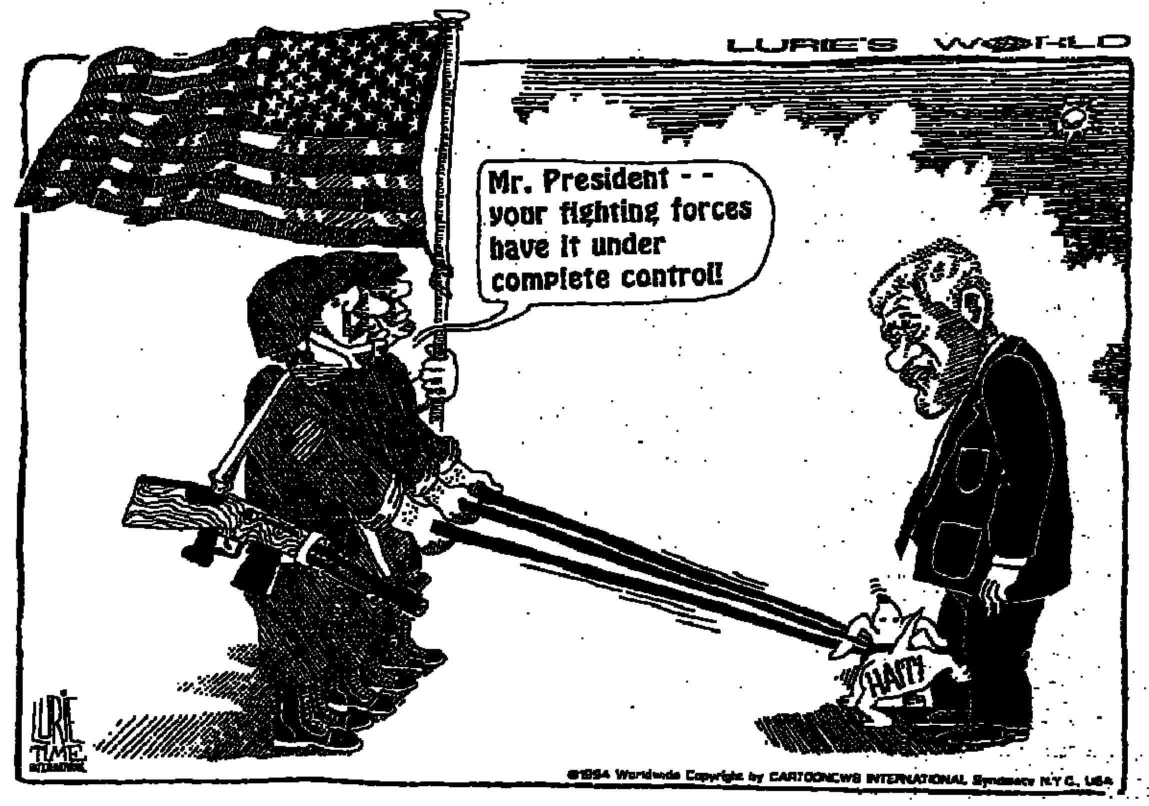
SUCCOT SUPPLEMENT

Sir, – Your Succot supplement cover story featuring midwife Bambi from Shaare Zedek hospital holding a newborn infant was one of the nicest pictures we have seen in any newspaper in a long time. The accompanying story was equally beautiful.

We are both among Bambi's *minyan* of 30,000 and are expecting a child. Though we obviously don't remember her, it made us feel good to know that this wonderful and saintly woman is still there, still seeing the miracle in it all, still inspiring others. Your newspaper and your correspondent, Netty C. Gross, should be commended for writing about Bambi. Surely, the article enhanced the holiday for many readers.

SHELLEY AND YOSSI FREIL

Jerusalem.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The premier's mantra

AMOS CARMEL

OUR prime minister is excessively fond of talking about priorities. He establishes them, changes them, enjoys them. That's where the problem begins.

As long as a leader sees a priority as a tool, that's fine. One might even call it an essential condition for proper functioning.

But when he begins treating it as a sort of mantra and firing off priorities in all directions, trouble is around the corner.

Example: a new Rabin order of priorities is repeatedly cited in connection with the government's political goals. Jerusalem first, then strategic zones in Judea and Samaria and, in third place (this is stressed) the Golan Heights.

At first glance, one sees what jurists call "a false presentation."

Rabin's new order of priorities has no real foundation. No known political marketplace currently gives Israel the option of choosing between the goals he cites, or listing them in order of importance.

More exactly, no heavenly angel or earthly diplomat can offer us any of these objectives. And no foreign factor can notify us of anyone's willingness to acquiesce in any Israeli sovereignty beyond the 1967 lines.

Nowhere do we discern any scenario that allows Israel a choice regarding any small segment of the territories, in the light of this or that Israeli consideration. And any struggle over any of the three goals goes on in a vacuum, since no Israeli concession in any one of them will help achieve anything as regards the other two.

If the intention is to avoid a total Israeli retreat, what has that to do with listing Jerusalem, "strategic areas" and the Golan Heights? Where did the idea originate that it is difficult for us, as a state, to struggle simultaneously for all three objectives? Is our national energy too limited?

Can't the government drum up the required number of officials and army officers to prepare the necessary background material?

Rabin just loves priorities. That's the problem

Aren't there enough luxury hotels to host all the meetings needed?

A SECOND look at Rabin's priorities discloses the old danger of a self-fulfilling prophecy.

Logic dictates, for instance, that the Syrians won't get involved in the issue of Jerusalem, or in the fate of those "strategic" areas in Judea and Samaria. Similarly, the Palestinians and Jordanians won't intervene in our demands vis-a-vis the Golan.

In brief, not only is there no substantive link between the three items on Rabin's list, Israel also has no reason or interest in linking them. What it needs to do is rebut every attempt by President Assad to interfere in matters not directly related to the Israeli-Syrian relationship.

But how to achieve this if the prime minister constantly invites the exact opposite? How can we maneuver between Damascus and Amman, when they are combined in a single package? What kind of political wisdom is Rabin demonstrating in his statements on priorities?

Still another look reveals a singular bargaining acuity. Even if we assume that the US is forcefully demanding that we choose between Rabin's three objectives, or think we have to try and drag the Syrians into every Israeli-Arab confrontation, it is still difficult to understand why we need proclaim priorities from the rooftops.

After the premier's latest statement, the Syrians could be telling themselves that there is room for further parley over Jerusalem and other areas, but the Golan is Israel's weakest flank. Just a bit more pressure, they might be saying, and it will become ours. And, of course, a little more pressure after that, and the second priority item will vanish, and so on.

"For 3,000 years, Jews in the Diaspora prayed facing Jerusalem, not Gamla," declared the prime minister to a young Labor audience, as he attempted to explain his priorities. (Someone ought to inform him that the Diaspora is only 2,000 years old.)

And, one might ask him, what will the fate of Neveh Avivim, Herzliya Pituah and Caesarea be? (None of those places were faced by Jews as they prayed in the Diaspora.)

In any event, one ought to remind him that he is sitting in the Prime Minister's Office, and not next to a stove in some Tora study house, where this kind of hairsplitting is common practice.

The writer, a scientist, comments on current affairs.

A need to 'know the enemy'

MISHA LOUVISH

AMOS Carmel was quite right to draw attention to Prime Minister Rabin's remarkable comparison between a Jewish settler asked to leave his home on the Golan Heights and "a Palestinian who was forced to abandon his home in Jaffa 46 years ago" (*The Jerusalem Post*, September 26). But he totally misunderstood the equation Rabin was making.

Rabin's message to the Golan settlers was clear enough. He might have added that, while the settlers would be resettled in their own country, with compensation and help from the government, the Palestinians went into exile as refugees (although the host countries deserve severe condemnation for failing to resettle them).

Rabin's remark was highly significant, quite apart from the context of the Golan problem. Far from implicitly endorsing the Palestinians' "right of return," he was doing just the opposite.

Since there would be no question of the settlers returning to the Golan, clearly he was implying that the Palestinians couldn't expect to return to Jaffa either.

What he was telling the Palestinians, in effect, was: I know you had to make a painful sacrifice 46 years ago in the course of the struggle between us, but today we are asking our own people to make a painful sacrifice in order to enable us to complete the peace with our Arab neighbors.

Rabin's words indicate a consciousness of the other side's point of view – in striking contrast to Golda Meir's refusal even to admit to the existence of a Palestinian Arab people.

I can recall no parallel from any Labor spokesman. The nearest was David Ben-Gurion's statement, in the Fifties, that he understood the motives of the Arab infiltrators who crossed the lines to commit sabotage and murder. This, by the way, didn't prevent Ben-Gurion from taking the most severe measures, including armed retaliation, to deter the infiltrators.

Equally, Rabin's comment does not imply recognition of the Palestinian "right of return," or any weakness in fighting terrorism and defending Jewish lives. What it does reveal is a praiseworthy effort to understand the other side.

If it is necessary to "know the enemy" in order to fight it more effectively, how much more important is that knowledge when the objective is peace, which involves a compromise between the aspirations of the two parties.

The prime minister is making a remarkable effort to understand the other side's aspirations

To understand the motives of the Palestinians, we have to go back to World War I. Following the breakup of the Ottoman Empire, all its Arab components, sooner or later, achieved independence.

There was one exception: the Arabs of Palestine; and the reason was obvious: under the Balfour Declaration and the League of Nations Mandate, that country was reserved for the establishment of a Jewish national home.

AS A convinced Zionist, I have no doubt of the justice of this apparent exception to the principle of national self-determination. The League of Nations applied that principle to the Jewish people as a whole, recognizing, in the preamble to the Mandate, "the historical connection of the Jewish people with Palestine" and "the grounds for reconstituting their national home in that country."

Chaim Weizmann realized that the conflict between Jews and Arabs was not between right and wrong, but between two rights: the Jewish people's right to have one spot on earth it could call its own, and the Arab right to self-rule. In view of the vast territories gained by the Arabs, he believed that the Jewish right to what Balfour called "this tiny notch" must have precedence.

It is neither surprising nor unnatural that the Arabs did not recognize this ruling by an international organization in which, at the time, they were not represented; or that they resisted its implementation by force – although there is no excuse for the brutality of their terrorist attacks against innocent civilians.

Over half a century ago, the Zionist movement adopted the principle of partition as a compromise solution to the conflict. When the Arabs refused to consider it, Israel was compelled to use force in self-defense, in the hope that they would ultimately realize the futility of their efforts and agree to make peace with the Jewish State of Israel.

First to adopt that position was the late Egyptian President Sadat. Now the Palestinian Arabs and the Jordanians have followed suit. These are momentous victories for the Zionist effort and for Israel's success in building an army which has defeated all attempts to destroy the state.

However, Israel need not agree to everything the Arabs demand. Peace can only be achieved through negotiation, and the sincerity of Syria's ostensible readiness for peace can only be tested in direct talks about the terms of that peace.

By referring to the Palestinian forced to leave his home in Jaffa, Rabin was implying that a final agreement must satisfy not only Israel but also, as far as possible, the other side's aspiration to freedom and self-rule. That is why it may be regarded as historic.

The writer is a veteran member of the Zionist and Labor movements.

Drive slower!
Drive with care!

Thugs and mugs

CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

THE folly of a Haitian invasion having been averted – the US's was a "semi-permissive entry" – the burdens of a thankless Haitian occupation are just beginning. Amid the self-congratulation surrounding the apparent success of the Carter Haiti mission, the main point is easy to overlook: the US is back in Somalia, this time with a Caribbean address.

As the administration admits, the main problem with invasion is not the invasion itself, but the occupation it ushers in. What Carter did, explained Defense Secretary William Perry, was allow the US to skip Step 1. But it is Step 2 that it will rue.

As in Somalia, America is entering a highly disorganized and extremely violent country. Once again it is occupying a people deeply divided – Somalis by clan; Haiti, no less fatally, by class. Again, it is entering relatively unopposed.

Forgive me for being cynical, but why is the US policing Haiti?

But the Haiti adventure is more problematic than Somalia. There, the initial mission was narrowly defined and quite simple: feed the hungry. The operation went wrong only many months later, when America strayed into politics and assigned itself the task of nation-building.

In Haiti, the mission from the start is politics. The US is to "restore" democracy to a country that has never had it, build a civilian-controlled military where it has never existed, and create a secure environment for the peaceful transition of power among murderous rivals.

This is nation-building par excellence. The US is now as responsible for Haiti as it was for Somalia. Except that the agenda in Haiti is, from Day 1, far more ambitious.

THAT AGENDA is now all the harder to fulfill because of the concessions President Clinton agreed to at the 11th hour to avoid having to go through with the invasion. Raoul Cedras may have blinked, but Clinton did too. Loath to pull the trigger, he allowed Cedras and his military to remain in Haiti. Cedras will not be required to go into exile, merely to retire honorably.

"It is something not understood by most people," explained Carter. "It's a serious violation of inherent human rights for a citizen to be forced into exile."

Who but Jimmmy Carter could have said something like that? It is one thing to say of a dirty deal "we had to do it," quite another to defend it out of lofty concern for the human rights of a man who, by Clinton's own description, deserves to be drawn and quartered, let alone exiled.

Cedras's army comes out quite well, too, granted not just a broad amnesty more firmly guaranteed than under the Governor's Island deal that Cedras made and broke last year. It has also been granted a month's worth of time – and the priceless legitimacy that goes with its coordinating the American entry – before it has to turn over power.

President Jean-Bertrand Aristide having been induced to step down last year, a power vacuum looms. Cedras and his amnestied associates – whom Clinton called "thugs" – are now as well-positioned to inherit power when the Americans tire of police duty as is Mohammed Farah Aideed – last year's thug – in Somalia.

And why is the US policing Haiti in the first place?

Wasn't it because, as President Clinton insisted, General Cedras was the worst human rights violator in the hemisphere, the man who launched a "campaign of rape, torture and mutilation... a reign of terror," the man responsible for "people slain and mutilated, with body parts left as warnings to terrify others; children forced to watch as their mothers' faces are slashed with machetes"? (Clinton, by the way, is the man who in 1992 accused George Bush of personalizing the US's fight with Iraq.)

Now, Cedras is a partner in the governance of Haiti. The US is ruling Haiti together with a man who is, Clinton assured Americans, given to "executing children, raping women, killing priests."

One renaissance weekend with Jimmy Carter and the man has metamorphosed. Colin Powell speaks of Cedras's sense of honor. Carter is impressed with Cedras's desire to do the right thing for his country. Why risk the lives of 15,000 Americans to rid Haiti of a man of such elevated motives?

And Clinton complains that Americans are growing cynical about their government.

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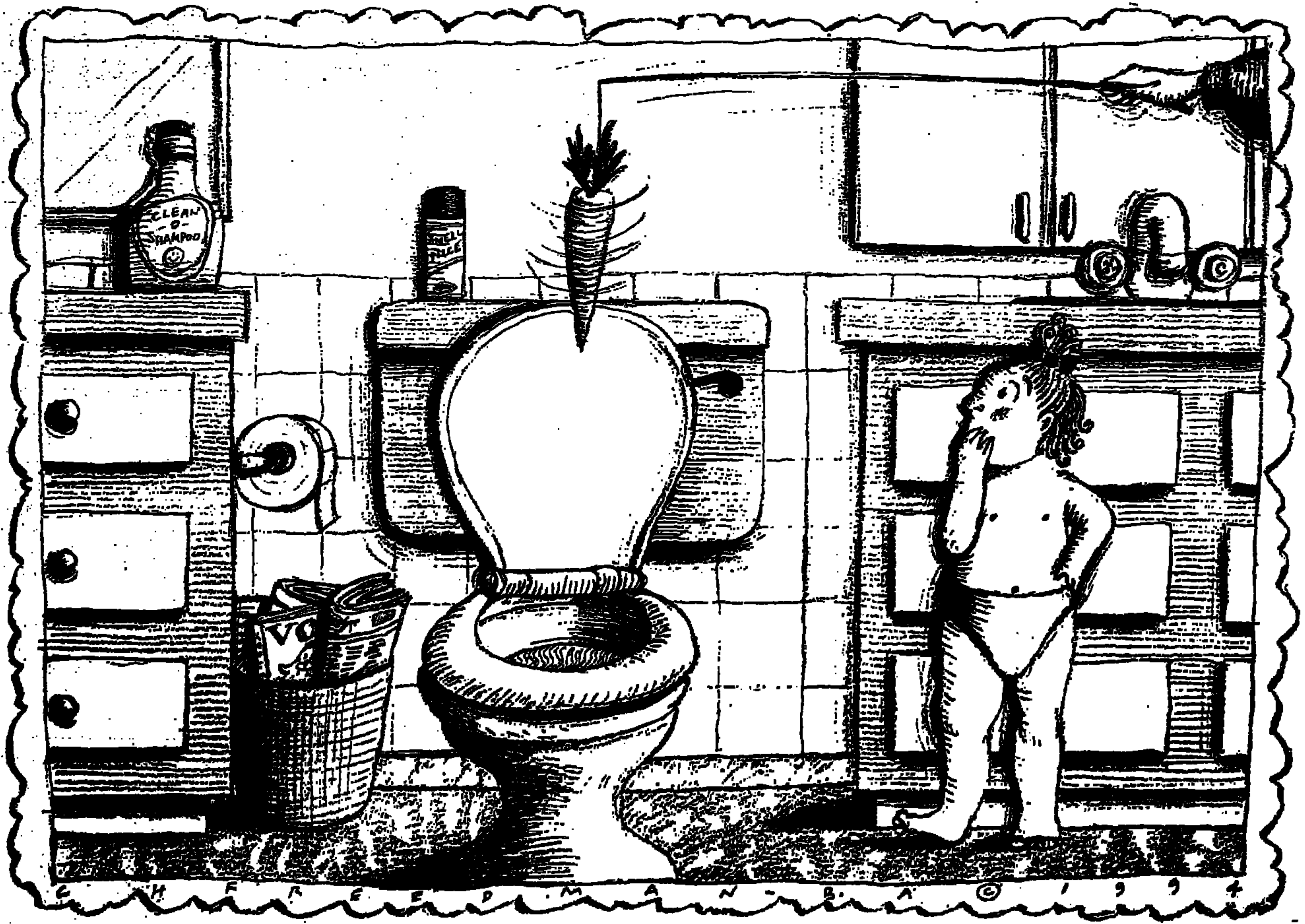
New attitudes take the pressure off toilet training

Diapers contain the same old stuff, but parents and child educators are no longer in a rush to get rid of them, **Aryeh Dean Cohen** reports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HAIM Fialkoff knew the time was right. It was Pessah, summer was approaching, there were plenty of male cousins around at his brother's Jerusalem apartment to offer encouragement, and his youngest son Elisha had recently turned three. To Fialkoff, all were clear signs the boy was ready for toilet training.

"I talked to him about it, and he seemed to understand and eager to try it," Fialkoff, 40, recalled recently. "I took him into the bathroom and tried to set him up next to the toilet. Before I knew what happened, he had climbed *on top* of the toilet and, looking a bit like a gunfighter, proceeded to spray the entire bathroom."

The Fialkoffs, whose four boys and one daughter are now fully trained, have put the trials of toilet training behind them, so to speak. But like many other families, they had the laundry and the frustration to show for having tried to toilet train their child too soon.

More than ever before, however, that need not be the case for families about to take the toilet-training plunge. While in the past Israeli parents might have been expected to toilet train their child as early as 18 months, attitudes on the subject have changed here.

Yardena Avner, the Jerusalem Municipality's deputy supervisor of Tipat Halav (mother-and-child) clinics, recalls how in previous generations, a one-year-old would be left on the potty until he or she produced results. "Or the mother would say: 'I know his time,' but that wasn't really teaching the child anything, because you don't want to 'catch' the child, you want cooperation," she says.

Parents, she recalls, would unilaterally decide to "get rid of the diapers" before the child was ready, which just led to confusion. Today's parents are "more educated and informed" about toilet training, says Avner.

Parents and care givers "are more conscious of temperamental differences and individual differences," says Rina Lewis, director of the Department of early childhood education at Emunah Community College in Jerusalem. "And we're so conscious of this that we try to understand the child as an individual, and try not to look at tables or generalities about toilet training."

Modern technology has also played a part. "One big innovation is the use of disposable diapers. To a mother who was boiling diapers and didn't have a washing machine, the idea of washing your own diapers was a horrible thing, and you wanted to be free of them as soon as possible," Lewis remembers.

Today's more easygoing attitude is because parents know that physiological readiness for toilet training has an extremely wide age range. Avner stresses that parents should keep in mind that "the nervous system develops at a certain rate which is different in each child, and the child is not aware of the signals telling him or her they have to go to the bathroom earlier than that.... The child will get through it, as with every other process."

Avraham Ben-Yohanan, an educational and medical psychologist who runs an Education Ministry training center for school psychologists, notes that a child "may just not have the language to understand what you want from his life." Some kids "can do this at 10 months, some can't at 3½ years."

"The child will generally let you know that he's ready," says Ben-Yohanan. "He'll see other kids going, or he might see adults doing it, and then you can ask him: 'You want to try that?' A kid who's ready and verbal enough to understand will try it. When he succeeds and everyone makes a big fuss, and he feels really proud ... it goes naturally."

That's pretty much the program Barbara Black, 24, of Jerusalem followed with her two-year-old daughter, Liba, this past summer. "She was very eager," Black recalls. "She just asked. She knows that everyone else does it, so she wanted to sit on the toilet, too. She told us in words and actions.

"Besides the fact that she seemed ready, it was convenient because she was home, it was summer, so I would let her walk around without a diaper. It took about three weeks of really working on it.

"At first I tried to talk to her to try to find out when she wanted to go, but she didn't quite understand what I was saying. When she had an accident, I discussed it with her, and then she was interested in the fact that there was an *alternative* place to do this. Every time she went successfully, we clapped, jumped and went 'hurray.' " Liba is even waking her parents in the middle of the night to tell them she needs to go.

By keeping attuned to her child's needs, Black made the experience "very pleasant."

Imitation and peer pressure are also great teachers. Arnie Ben-Dor, 42, remembers his son Ari, now 10, learned about toilet training when he was three and got sent along with his older sister on a Pessah-week walk with a local camp. "When they went on this walk, the counselors would ask: 'Does anyone have to go peepee?' And if they did, they went right on the street, and eventually so did he, and that was it. And after that week, he never used a diaper."

Things didn't go so easily for the Lieberman family, however, who asked that their real names not be used. Almost all of their four girls and one boy had various bed-wetting problems, and their eldest daughter, Yael, still has problems at age 16.

Meira, her mother, remembers the travails of training Yael, an extremely bright child they thought could master toilet training at 21 months. "We were very frustrated. You'd walk into her room and the stench was overpowering," she recalls.

When the problem repeated itself with other children, including six-year-old Akiva, Meira and her husband Haim, now in their early 40s, decided to seek help. After ensuring the problem was not physical, they found a possible hereditary link, and also noted that the children who were having the most problems were heavy sleepers.

After consulting several specialists and first ensuring the problem was not purely physical, they opted for the "bell-and-pad" system, whereby a pad is inserted into the child's underwear and is connected via electrodes to a buzzer. When the first drops of urine wet the pad, the buzzer sounds, alerting the child to go to the bathroom.

Ben-Avraham's research indicates there may indeed by a link between heavy sleepers and bedwetting. "I treated about 300 night wetters, and in about 290 cases, their parents said: 'Boy, is he a deep sleeper. It's hard to wake him up.' They need more of a stimulus – either external or internal – than nonwetters."

The Liebermans also had their children take more responsibility for wetting their beds. "We told them to take care of changing their own sheets. This took the shame of it away. They didn't have to tell anyone, but *they* had to take care of it."

While having children wash their own urine-drenched sheets may sound severe, Ben-Avraham suggests similar responses for those who seem to have the hang of it, but lack motivation. "You want it to be important enough so the kid doesn't climb back on the slide three times when he feels the need to go, but rather goes to the toilet.

"If a child is already four, let's say, have him take off his pants and underpants after an accident, wash them in the sink, hang them outside, take a shower and change. He then sees the consequences of his behavior. You're not abusing the child, insulting him or banging his head against the wall. You're just saying: 'I know you can do it; since it wasn't important enough for you to do it, and you had the accident, not me, *you* clean it up.' "

Motivation, usually via a system of rewards, is equally if not more important than "punishment" for accidents. "You also have to lead the kid in the right direction," says Ben-Dor. "He could be saying to himself: 'They keep changing my diaper, so what do I care?' So there has to be motivation for the kid to do it."

While motivation is important, Ben-Avraham says parents shouldn't go overboard. "I wouldn't buy a private plane for a child who just went to the bathroom," he jokes. "Usually, a sticker with a smiley face on it is enough, and if you say: 'When you have five of them, you'll get an ice cream,' then you've really won him over."

Ben-Avraham also suggests preparing a "reward menu" for the child. "It's important to have a menu with choices, because if he has one type of reinforcement that day – an ice cream in school, perhaps – he might want something else the next time."

Most of the experts interviewed agreed that starting with bowel control is the best, since the child can more easily see the results of his efforts, and some children have regular bowel movements that can be easily followed.

Daytime dryness is usually achieved first; 30 percent of Israeli children in kindergarten still wet at night, according to Ben-Avraham. Bed-wetting is not limited to children, though. A study of some US graduate students showed 4 percent wet their beds three times a week, and Ben-Avraham regularly treats soldiers with similar problems.

He also treats children who still soil themselves at relatively advanced ages; success is generally achievable – provided there is no physical problem – in a short time, he says.

Veteran parents agree that in toilet training, timing is everything. "I did it wrong. I tried to train him before he was ready," recalls Wendy Gottlieb, 35, of her efforts to train her son – now seven – before he turned three. "If they can do it within a week, they're ready. If not, you wait. And most importantly, don't take it personally."

Rachel Mushel, 39, the mother of 10 children, nine already trained, says: 'I found that the later I did it, the quicker it went. Don't push it; that will just make things worse. Don't get angry." And to the parents awash in training-related laundry, she offers words of wisdom based on experience: "It gets better, it doesn't get worse."

Tips for trainers

SOONER or later, parents and children make it through toilet training. "As long as parents stay calm, things work out," says Jerusalem pediatrician Dr. Ya'acov Shapiro.

If your training child is having problems, the following suggestions may make things easier:

- Don't start toilet training until you child is past the "rebellious" stage, which usually starts after the second birthday. Otherwise you risk turning toilet training into a power struggle. "Parents are always a loser" in such struggles, Shapiro says. "It's best to back off, leave it alone for a month or so and then go back to it."
- Make sure the child is mobile enough to get to the toilet and is dressed in clothes he or she can take down alone, like sweatpants.
- Introduce the child to the potty chair early, even before actual training begins. Let the child carry *it around and sit on it.* Avoid placing the child directly on an adult toilet at first; they may be frightened by it.
- Allow the pre-toilet-training child in the bathroom to watch family members using the toilet, when this seems appropriate, to get an idea of what is expected.
- Don't immediately flush whatever the child does down the toilet – doing so could damage the feeling of accomplishment. Don't overdo the fact that what the child has produced is smelly, but don't completely ignore the hygienic side of toilet training, either.
- Do not toilet train a child during a time of change or stress in the family. If you have just had a new baby or moved, or if the child is going to a new care giver, wait.
- Make sure your care givers know the words you and your child use for urinating and defecating. Coordinate all toilet-training efforts with them. Do not be pushed into training your child too early because of "requirements" of a care giver or school.
- Accept occasional regression, but remind your child of yout expectations when this happens.
- Shapiro recommends that if your child is still wet *during the day* by the age of 3½ or four, "go see a pediatrician to check for possible obstructions" in the urinary system before seeking any other form of help.
- Besides the "bell-and-pad" system, there are nasal hormone sprays which Shapiro says are good short-term remedies. These are useful if you need to have the child dry on a specific day.
- *Make sure your toilet-training* formula includes a large dose of love and understanding. *A.C.*

Working one-day wonders

IN a hurry? *Toilet Training in Less Than a Day*, a guide to speed-training your child, was written in the early '70s by Dr. Nathan H. Azrin and Dr. Richard M. Foxx, learning specialists who claim to have first devised their training method to help train the retarded.

Their system requires a one- or two-day, intensive training session in which the child first practices on a doll, then learns to use the potty through a system of motivation in which he or she is given a large amount of a favorite drink to stimulate urination, and a favorite snack [illegible] for every potty success.

The exercises are then repeated throughout the day or two it takes – the authors claim the average child took four hours to train.

A colleague trained all four of his children this way, and swears by the system.

However whether you opt for this method or not, keep in mind their advice, good for any training method: Avoid spanking and anger.

Toilet Training in Less Than a Day was published in paperback by Pocket Books in 1976. *A.C.*

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State tax revenues rise 14% in September

Post Business Staff

STATE tax revenues totaled NIS 6.6 billion in September, a real increase of 14 percent from the same period last year, the Treasury announced yesterday.

Tax authorities have collected NIS 54.6b. since the beginning of the year, a real increase of 13% from 1993.

The increase came despite changes in the tax laws which cut NIS 1.1b. from the tax base.

The Treasury expects NIS 19.5b. in tax revenues in the last quarter, which would bring the year's total to NIS 74b., or NIS 4.4b. more than predicted.

This is attributed to a growth in the economy and higher prices than expected.

Treasury sources said that despite the increase, it would be loathe to cut taxes on consumer durables as long as the boom in consumption continued.

The Income Tax and Property Tax branch reported revenues of NIS 3.6b. during September, a real increase of 24% over last year.

Property taxes fell, but the losses were offset by a larger drop in refunds.

Since the beginning of the year, the branch has collected NIS 29.8b.

This marks a 22% real increase compared with the same period last year.

Customs and VAT reported NIS 2.9b. in revenues for September, a real increase of 3%.

The branch has collected NIS 23.7b., a real increase of 4%, despite a reduction in customs and purchases taxes.

The increase would have been 9% if the reductions were not implemented.

The Treasury also reported that 6,500 cars were imported in September, similar to the number imported last year, but some 35% less than the number brought in earlier this year.

This is due in part to the closing of the customs offices during the holidays.

La Nationale group may withdraw Mizrahi bid on eve of deadline

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

THE La Nationale consortium yesterday said it is considering withdrawing from the tender for controlling interest in United Mizrahi Bank, one day before the deadline for submitting bids.

The group's representatives will meet today to decide if they will participate in tomorrow's tender to purchase 26 percent of Mizrahi's share capital and an option to buy an additional 25% of the bank's share.

The consortium is made up of the La Nationale Insurance company (50% share), the Steinmetz family (17%), businessman Alfred Akirov and Elrov (25%) and businessmen Arthur Meir, Leon Schechter and David Nimdar.

The Ofer-Wertheim group is also participating in the tender.

Attorney Pinhas Rubin, the La Nationale consortium's legal adviser, said some of the investors are unsatisfied with several conditions included in the sale document, particularly the government's guarantee that the new owners will have a major representation on the bank's board of directors.

Rubin said the clause dealing with the state's guarantee to back the consortium that purchases Mizrahi on the bank's board of directors is not strong enough.

"According to the sale contract, the buyers of the shares will not be able to sell the shares over a five-year period," Rubin said. "We demand the government guarantee that it back the owners' decisions during this period.

"The government has agreed to support the new owners during the first three years, but has set a condition for the remaining two years," Rubin said. "The new owners will have to purchase 5% of the option shares within 18 months."

MI Holdings, the company responsible for selling the commercial banks, said the tender will take place as scheduled, despite the La Nationale group's hesitations.

MI Holdings rejected the group's request to postpone the deadline to October 12.

Gil Leidner, managing director of MI Holdings, refused to comment on the consortium's last-minute hesitations.

Industrialists Bruno Landesberg, the owner of Sano, withdraw from the group at the end of last week after he discovered that the Bank of Israel will not let him purchase the bank through Sano.

Landesberg's 2% share in the consortium was transferred to the Steinmetz family.

Mizrahi is valued at between $450 million and $500m., according to accountants Ya'acov Barkai and Yitzhak Swary, who recently concluded a valuation of the bank at the request of MI Holdings.

Water Council rejects proposed price hikes

DAVID RUDGE

THE Water Council yesterday rejected proposals to raise the price of water for farmers and industrialists.

Water Commissioner Gideon Tsur had proposed raising the price of water for industry 40 percent and for agriculture by 7%.

The council's decision was taken by an overwhelming majority of the participants at the meeting after representatives of the farmers and industrialists roundly condemned the proposed price hikes.

The decision, however, is unlikely to carry much weight, since the Water Council was stripped of decision-making powers some two years ago.

The body can now only make recommendations to the agriculture and finance ministers, who have to decide whether or not to submit the proposals to the Knesset Finance Committee.

Under the proposals, water prices for farmers would increase on January 1 from 51.7 agorot per cubic meter to 55.3 agorot. The prices would also be linked to the Cost-of-Living (COL) Index.

Under the proposals, industrial water rates would jump in the first stage on January 1 from 67 agorot per cubic meter to 80 agorot.

There would be a further rise from July 1, 1996, which would bring the price up to 93.6 agorot per cubic meter – in line with the price charged by Mekorot for water for domestic use.

If by that time, however, domestic rates had been increased because of COL rises, the price for industry would also be adjusted upwards accordingly.

Temkin: Main shareholders made quick profit on TASE at expense of small investors

EVELYN GORDON

WHILE the public was selling in panic after the announcement of the capital gains tax, principal shareholders were busily buying up their own shares at a discount, according to data obtained from the bourse by MK Benny Temkin (Meretz).

He charged that the principal shareholders deliberately tried to create an atmosphere of panic about the capital gains tax, via the press, to provoke massive selling and allow them to make a quick profit.

Temkin asked the bourse for data on the transactions of some 100 principal shareowners immediately after the bourse reopened on August 21. It had closed on August 16, when the capital gains tax was announced.

Almost all the shareholders on the list bought their own stock on August 21 and in the days immediately following.

It seems likely that they bought other stocks as well, Temkin said, but there is no way to verify this, since principal shareholders are required to report only on transactions in their own stocks.

Since most stock prices dropped 10%-20% between August 16 and 21, those who bought on August 21 got discount prices, Temkin noted.

Three weeks later – on September 12 – most of the shares in question were already worth more than they had been on August 16, before the tax was announced, according to the data.

Thus, the principal shareholders were able to make substantial profits quickly by buying when they did.

In contrast, the mutual funds – who unloaded large quantities of stocks on August 21 – sold at a sizable loss, Temkin said. Thus, the small investor lost money.

"Even if their acts were legal, there is no doubt that they exploited the public's panic," Temkin said. "The public must never again fall victim to a panic campaign directed by interested parties."

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Shahal slams handling of Dead Sea Canal project

LIAT COLLINS

ENERGY and Infrastructure Minister Moshe Shahal yesterday criticized the government's handling of the newly revived Dead Sea Canal project.

He called for one body to deal with the project and submit recommendations on a purely professional basis, without political considerations.

"Unfortunately, four or five government ministries are dealing with the Dead Sea project, and every day a new message goes out from one or the other," Shahal said. "Israel agreed with the Palestinians to examine the Katif route [from the Mediterranean to the Dead Sea].

"They forgot that they had agreed on something with the Palestinians and agreed to examine the Arava, Peace Valley route with the Jordanians," Shahal said. "The prime minister's water adviser, Noah Kinarti, and the agriculture minister are talking about the [northern] valleys option. There are also bodies checking different options for private commercial reasons, like a German group checking a pipeline instead of a canal."

He said that with some $1.5-$2 billion involved in the project, several countries were trying to get in on the act by carrying out surveys without taking into account the amount of information which already exists.

Shahal: One body should deal with the project. (Shlomo Arad)

"Israel has so far invested $20 million in public money via the Dead Sea Canal Company [under the Energy Ministry's auspices]," he said.

Shahal said the Dead Sea Canal had returned to the agenda due to the political changes which made it possible and because it is the only project which can supply desalinated water in quantities to meet the needs of Jordanians, Palestinians, and Israel at a reasonable price.

He noted, however, that Israel, which has access to two coasts, does not need the canal or pipeline as much as Jordan.

Shahal also said the Gulf states have shown "great interest" in using the oil ports at Ashkelon, Haifa, and Eilat. The Gulf states are also interested in storing oil here, and Israel's Oil Services Company is dealing with the requests, he said.

The lifting of the secondary boycott and the progress in relations with Qatar have helped bring the possibility of natural gas imports from there much closer.

The gas would primarily be used to produce electricity and serve as an additional supply to Egyptian gas.

There have been no direct contact with the Saudi Arabian government on oil imports, but private businessmen in Jordan have raised the possibility, Shahal said.

He said the ministry is continuing to investigate alternative sources of energy, including solar, oil shales, and wind power. The ministry is not considering nuclear energy at this stage, he said.

Shahal said he opposed Environment Minister Yossi Sarid's project for large national landfills which do not include the option of refuse combustion as an energy source.

Motorola introduces new digital system

RACHEL NEIMAN

MOTOROLA officially introduced the first completely digital two-way wireless communications system yesterday in a ceremony attended by Communications Minister Shulamit Aloni.

Israel thus becomes the third country chosen by Motorola to implement the Motorola Integrated Radio System (MIRS).

MIRS offers better sound quality, less interference, wider broadcast coverage and more reliable transfer of faxes and electronic mail.

Units for installation in cars or hand-held instruments have a starting price of $1,000.

Motorola Communications (Israel) will invest some $30m. in a nationwide infrastructure for MIRS, including management and support.

Motorola (Southern Israel) in Arad has been selected by the parent company to manufacture MIRS equipment for use in cars.

Lloyd's investors win landmark court case

LONDON (Reuter) – Investors in Lloyd's of London won a landmark victory yesterday in a damages claim by 3,000 backers of the insurance market, the biggest civil lawsuit in British legal history.

A British High Court judge ruled in favor of more than 3,000 "Names", individuals who use their personal wealth to back the world's biggest insurance market.

The Names sued their agents for negligent underwriting, claiming £629 million, following a series of catastrophe claims in the late 1980s which saddled them with a huge share of unprecedented market losses.

Action groups set up by Names said their agents were negligent in not telling them of the high risk businesses they were underwriting.

Gooda Walker Action Group names accused their underwriters of "incompetence on a spectacular scale."

Lawyers for the Gooda Walker agents argued the losses were a result of a "high risk, high reward" investment strategy.

"It's a great day for the Gooda Walker Names. This judgment represents salvation for many of them," said a jubilant Michael Deeny, chairman of the Gooda Walker Action Group.

Solicitors acting for the Names estimate investors could get about £500m. the largest damages payment ever awarded by British courts.

The prosecution had asked for immediate payment of costs of around £4m., but the judge agreed to a defense request to delay payment for seven days pending further submissions.

Total assets of independent fund managers decrease 25%

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

TOTAL assets managed by independent fund managers fell to NIS 2.87 billion at the end of August, down 25 percent from the start of the year, the Meitav Consultancy firm reported yesterday.

Meitav said independent mutual *funds' share of the market* rose to 11.8% at the end of the first half of 1994, compared with 10.3% at the start of the year and 4.3% in 1988.

The company attributed the rise to private managers' relatively large number of share and flexible funds and to rapid growth in the last few years in the number of independently managed funds.

Meitav said independent mutual fund managers have established 90 new funds during the last few years, compared with only 69 new ones in the banking sector.

At the end of August, 285 mutual funds operated on the market, including 120 managed by independent mutual fund managers.

Meitav said 134 mutual funds were active at the end of 1988, including 30 managed by private fund managers.

According to Meitav, the average size of an independent mutual fund is NIS 24 million, compared with average bank mutual funds of NIS 130m.

Leading the independent mutual fund managers are Analyst, with total assets under management of NIS 737m. and 26% of independent funds' total assets.

Analyst Shares is the largest fund, with assets of NIS 178m.

Teledata shares recover slightly on NASDAQ

RACHEL NEIMAN

TELEDATA shares recovered slightly yesterday, rising 8.5 percent on NASDAQ in New York after collapsing on Monday.

The shares fell 21.7% to $5.875 on heavy volume Monday after the company issued a warning that third quarter revenues would be lower than previously anticipated and profits would be affected.

The share has tumbled since achieving a high of $18 earlier this year.

The company said that revenues and sales would be significantly lower, following the cancellation of a $3.9m. order from a major client.

Teledata's products allow telephone companies to serve an increased number of subscribers from existing infrastructure, without a significant investment in upgrading transmission links.

The company relied mainly on a central product, the DCS-20.

Delays in the release of its Exchange Radio Concentrator (ERC) were cited as a cause for the company's hard times.

About 40% of the company's shares are owned by Poalim Investments and represents one of its main holdings, accounting for some 50% of Poalim's net profits and 24% of revenues for the first half of the year.

Poalim Investments reacted sharply to the news, dropping 9.25.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Lautman to propose educational program in Casablanca: Former Manufacturers Association president Dov Lautman intends to propose the Think Industry program at the Casablanca conference, as a basis for joint cooperation in the education field in the Middle East.

The Manufactures Association, in partnership with banks and other organizations, has invested between $800,000 and $900,000 over the past five year in Industry Think classes, which encourage pupils to develop ideas, manufacture and market products. Lautman, who is chairman of Think Industry, said the program is operated in close cooperation with the Education Ministry, which this year has invested $30,000-$40,000 in it.

First shipment of Jaguars to arrive in spring: The first shipment of Jaguar car imports will arrive in Israel at the end of March or start of April, Israel Automobile Corp. general manager Yair Ancori announced yesterday. The British car manufacturer plans to open an agency in Tel Aviv, which will operate as a subsidiary of Israel Automobile Corp. – the importer of Ford cars. Ford purchased Jaguar a year and a half ago.

Ancori said the company plans to import three kinds of Jaguars. The cheapest Jaguar, the XJ6, will be sold for about NIS 300,000, while the more expensive Daimler Jaguar car will be sold for about NIS 400,000. Ancori said the company has already received one order.

Proposal discussed to eliminate tax breaks for firms on TASE: The Knesset Finance Committee yesterday began discussing a proposal to eliminate tax breaks for companies who register on the stock exchange.

The change was opposed by both the Manufacturers Association and the Association of High-Tech Industries, while the Accountants Association advocated having a grandfather clause for companies who have already invested time and money preparing a prospectus in the belief that they would get the exemption. The committee postponed continuation of the discussion for the sake of further thought.

Elscint settles patent disputes with ADAC Laboratories: Elscint and ADAC Laboratories have agreed to settle their patent disputes and not to engage in patent litigation in the nuclear medicine and digital subtraction angiography fields for 10 years.

As part of the settlement, ADAC will pay Elscint $2 million and use the company as a preferred supplier of multi-format imaging cameras.

Histadrut body wins place on executive of world consumer group: The Consumer Protection Authority of the Histadrut has secured a place on the executive body of the World Organization of Consumer Unions (IOCU), which held its 14th world congress last week in the Montpellier, France. There are only 13 seats on the IOCU executive, and some 80 countries took part in the congress.

The Histadrut authority was aided by the fact that the director of the Israel Consumer Council, a governmental body, withdrew the council's own candidacy for the executive. The Histadrut candidacy was also supported by the representative of the Israel Consumers' Association, a small independent group.

Tuttnauer receives FDA approval for its large-sized autoclaves: Medical equipment maker Tuttnauer has received FDA approval for its large-sized horizontal autoclaves. The company says it has already received a $1 million order for the 5,000-liter equipment sterilizing units. Tuttnauer has also announced it will establish a US marketing operation to widen its market share.

RTS wins $1 million tender from Securicor Alarms: Software house RTS has won a $1 million tender to install computerized service management systems for Securicor Alarms.

The RTS Fieldware system will manage the logistics of Securicor's service bureaus, from installation and maintenance to receiving alarm calls.

Afek, Signal to invest in Total Graphics: Afek Engineering Projects and Signal Investments will invest NIS 3.3 million in 50 percent of outstanding shares in service bureau Total Graphics. Afek and Signal will form a jointly-held company in which Afek will hold a 74% share. Total Graphics shareholders will share a NIS 1.67m. dividend as part of the deal.

ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

Patah (foreign currency deposit rates) (4.10.94)

Currency (deposit for:)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar ($250,000)	4.750	5.000	5.500
Pound sterling (£100,000)	4.250	5.000	5.875
German mark (DM 200,000)	4.125	4.250	4.750
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	3.125	3.250	3.625
Yen (10 million yen)	0.750	0.875	1.125

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (4.10.94)

	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS Buy	Sell	BANKNOTES Buy	Sell	Rep. Rates**
Currency basket	3.3430	3.3500	—	—	3.3652
U.S. dollar	2.9930	3.0352	2.94	3.08	3.0160
German mark	1.9297	1.9589	1.90	1.99	1.9452
Pound sterling	4.7295	4.7962	4.63	4.85	4.7650
French franc	0.5653	0.5733	0.55	0.58	0.5700
Japanese yen (100)	3.0080	3.0505	2.95	3.10	3.0298
Dutch florin	1.7231	1.7474	1.69	1.77	1.7375
Swiss franc	2.3211	2.3538	2.28	2.39	2.3397
Swedish krone	0.4031	0.4088	0.40	0.41	0.4062
Norwegian krone	0.4429	0.4491	0.44	0.46	0.4463
Danish krone	0.4932	0.5002	0.48	0.51	0.4971
Finnish mark	0.6235	0.6323	0.61	0.64	0.6277
Canadian dollar	2.2266	2.2600	2.19	2.29	2.2445
Australian dollar	2.2130	2.2442	2.14	2.27	2.2293
S. African rand	0.8394	0.8512	0.80	0.88	0.8461
Belgian franc (10)	0.9358	0.9521	0.92	0.97	0.9459
Austrian schilling (10)	2.7435	2.7823	2.70	2.82	2.7637
Italian lira (1000)	1.9155	1.9423	1.87	1.98	1.9315
Jordanian dinar	—	—	4.19	4.45	4.2976
Egyptian pound	—	—	0.86	0.91	0.8953
ECU	3.6913	3.7433	—	—	3.7223
Irish punt	4.6721	4.7379	4.57	4.85	4.7117
Spanish peseta (100)	2.3319	2.3646	2.27	2.42	2.3492

* These rates vary according to bank. ** Bank of Israel.

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Key Representative Rates

		Change
US dollar	NIS 3.0160	- 0.13%
Sterling	NIS 4.7660	+ 0.16%
Mark	NIS 1.9452	+ 0.34%

INT'L STOCK MARKETS

New York market indexes

	Last	Change
DJ Industrials	3785.07	-51.82
DJ Transport	1458.62	-27.46
DJ Utils	178.42	-3.16
DJ Comp	1295.1	-19.05
NYSE Indust	315.52	-4.8
NYSE Transport	228.11	-3.1
NYSE Comp	251.22	-3.72
S&P 100	420.05	-7.09
S&P Spot Index	454.13	-7.61
AMEX Comp	453.71	-4.75

NYSE stocks

	Unchanged	Advances	Declines
Share movements	593	526	1759
Volume up (in 1000's)			38919
Volume down (in 1000's)			258795

Other stock market indexes

	Last	Change
FTSE 100	3001.8	+18.3
Tokyo Nikkei average	19568.6	-81.4
Singapore all-share index	581.76	+2.13
Hong Kong Hang Seng Index	9504.12	+11.63
Israel Index	111.64	-3.76

Israeli stocks in NY

	Last	Change
NYSE / AMEX		
Am Is Pap	46.5	-0.5
Ampal A	3.75	-0.25
Aryt	2	-0.25
BioTechnology	2.25	-0.125
Carmel Cont	8.75	0
Frutarom (electrochem)	3.25	-0.375
Elscint	2.125	-0.125
Etz Lavud	8.25	0
Etz Lavud A	8.25	+0
Laser T.	5.5	-0.125
PEC	28	-0.5
Tadiran	20.75	-1.125
NASDAQ / over-the-counter		
Aladdin	8.75	-0.125
4TH. Dimension	8.625	-0.375
Ampal 6.5	29	0
BVR	5.5	+0.125
Comverse	10.0625	+0.0625
Data (Defense)	6.25	-0.125
ECI	17.125	-0.125
Edunetics	2.75	+0.125
Edu-Soft	9.875	+0
Electric Fuel	6.75	-0.5
EFH	24.875	-1.875
Elbit	25	0
Elron	10	-0.25
Eshed Robotec	0.8125	+0
Fibronic	1.125	+0
M. Systems	3.875	+0
Gilat	12.375	-0.875
ISG	2.375	+0.125
Geotek	10.25	-0.25
Health Tech	2.125	+0
Idan	0.5	-0.0625
IIS	3.75	-0.1875
Indigo	18.625	-0.625
Interpharm	19	0
Isramco	1.75	+0
First Isr Fund	13.375	-0.25
Isrok	0.53125	-0.03125
Lannet	8.375	-0.75
Lanoptics	9	+0.375
Magal	4.875	+0
Media-Al	3.375	-0.375
Mercury	9.25	+0
Magic	8.875	-0.625
Orbotech	9.875	-0.125
Optrop Tech	2.6875	-0.0625
Rada	3.625	-0.125
Robomatics	1.875	-0.125
Sapiens	3.8125	+0.0625
Scitex	21.625	-0.625
Silicom	3.5	+0
T.A.T. Technol	3	-0.125
Taro Vit	6.5	-0.125
Teledata	6.375	+0.5
Telegraph	5.125	+0.125
Teva	28.25	-1
TVG	1.625	+0

(All listings are closing quotes)

INT'L MONEY MARKETS

Dollar crossrates (US)

		Last	Change
Pound:	spot	1.581	+0.0022
	Dec.future (CME)	1.5786	+0.0028
D-mark:	spot	1.547	-0.0073
	Dec.future (CME)	0.6469	+0.0033
S-franc:	spot	1.285	-0.0077
	Dec.future (CME)	0.7801	+0.0048
Yen:	spot	99.85	+0.05
	Dec.future (CME)	0.010102	-3e-006
CanDlr:	spot	1.3447	+0.0008
	Dec.future (CME)	0.7443	+0.0001
AusDlr:	spot	0.7385	-0.0012
	Dec.future (CME)	0.7381	-0.0019
F-franc:	spot	5.281	-0.021
It Lira:	spot	1589	-5.6
Nlg:	spot	1.732	-0.0078
AdlShlg:	spot	10.9176	-0.0325
Rand:	spot	3.5705	-0.012
ECU:	spot	1.2384	+0.0051
Bonds	future	98.3438	-0.25
S and P	future	454.6	-3.45

Libor rates

		Last	Change
Dollar	3 months	5.625	+0.125
Dollar	6 months	-	
Dollar	12 months	6.375	+0.0625
Sterling	3 months	6.0625	+0.125
Sterling	6 months	6.6875	+0.0625
Sterling	12 months	7.5625	0
S-franc	3 months	4.25	+0.0625
S-franc	6 months	4.375	0
S-franc	12 months	-	-
D-mark	3 months	-	-
D-mark	6 months	-	-
D-mark	12 months	5.7812	+0.0312
Yen	3 months	2.375	0
Yen	6 months	-	-
Yen	12 months	-	-

(Spot market listings are from approximately 2230 local time. All others are closing quotes.)

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INT'L COMMODITIES AND METALS

US commodities

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Dec) (CEC)	1308	+4
Coffee (Dec) (CEC)	214.15	+4.55
Sugar no.11 (Oct.) (CEC)	12.61	0
Wheat (Dec) (CBOT)	408.75	+0.25
Soybeans(Nov)(CBOT)	536	-2.25
Orange juice (Nov)(CEC)	92	-2.35
Crude oil light (Dec)(CEC)	18.2	-0.09

London commodities

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Dec) (LCE)	970	-3
Coffee (Nov) (LCE)	3924	+74
Brent crude oil (Dec)(IPE)	1692	-9

Spot market metals (US)

		Last	Change
Gold:	spot	392.75	-2.2
Silver:	spot	5.6	-0.06

New York metal futures

	Last	Change
Gold (Dec)	395.7	-2.5
Silver (Dec)	5.64	-0.055
Platinum (Oct.)	418.2	-0.6
Palladium (Dec.)	153.85	+0.4
High-grade copper (Dec)	1.1535	+0.0065

London metal fixes

	Last	Change
Gold AM fix	394.1	+0.65
Gold PM fix	392.45	-0.7
Silver fix	560.5	+8
Platinum PM fix	417.5	+2

Month in parentheses signals contract exp. date*

(Spot market listings are from aproximately 23:30 local time. All others are closing quotes.)

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TEL AVIV STOCKS

Multi-sided trading

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Two-sided trading

Name	AFTERNOON Price	AFTERNOON % Change	AFTERNOON Volume Shares	MORNING Price	MORNING % Change	MORNING Volume Shares
buildpr	573	-6.2	46800	693	-3.5	32143
nacional	1543	-9.0	48800	1577	-7.0	21390
Abjac	37.1	-9.5	930000	40.4	-1.5	558668
Ackerlin	580	-3.2	48000	572	-4.5	10004
Adacom	36.5			36.5		
Afris 0	421305	-4.0	392	415819	-5.2	75
Afrisr	398479	-3.2	288	395390	-4.0	136
Agan	4233	-4.7	13200	4266	-4.0	3755
Agis	2174	-4.0	24800	2106	-7.0	19227
Aryt	621	-6.7	25200	621	-6.8	9252
Avner	9.0	-10.0	1440000	9.0	-10.0	654501
Azorim	4264	-4.2	7200	4308	-3.3	5274
ALPM	13916	-2.5	4920	13773	-3.5	535
Bezek	545	-2.5	801000	542	-3.0	117328
Boulo	275	-4.0	33000	276	-3.5	43115
Cables	1651	-3.5	15000	1668	-2.5	11280
Clal Ele	32015	-3.2	6210	32097	-3.0	1754
Clal Tra	1050	-2.5	144000	1053	-2.2	23981
Clal 10	8894	-3.5	25560	9033	-2.0	4864
Clalins	1463	-3.0	35100	1459	-3.2	24079
Cldstr 5	2242	-4.0	21600	2265	-3.0	12123
Clinds	1889	-3.2	234400	1884	-2.5	38493
CohenDev	818	-10.0		818	-10.0	
Danbar 5	2306	-5.7	2100	2312	-5.5	9601
Dead Sea	1227	-2.5	34500	1217	-3.3	17483
Delek	7990	-3.5	16800	7949	-4.0	2458
Discinv	22614	-1.5	14910	22499	-2.0	5449
Elbit	23678	-4.0	10150	23863	-3.3	1932
Elco	9127	-3.5	8320	9080	-4.0	1081
Elite 5	1507	-1.7	124000	1488	-3.0	16020
Elron	9822	-3.5	8550	9873	-3.0	2374
Evergr n	2590	-6.5	17000	2632	-5.0	7616
Export	1610	-6.2	16000	1588	-7.5	3987
Fibi	43095	-3.2	4060	43429	-2.5	348
Formula	1355	-8.7	5000	1370	-7.7	5689
FrstInt1	33601	-4.5	1800	32897	-6.5	753
FrstInt5	31442	-3.2	2090	31198	-4.0	338
Frutarom	1025	-3.5	94000	1025	-3.5	20318
Gahelet	6225	-7.2	1000	6276	-6.5	1066
Granit	503	-3.5	98000	500	-4.0	18698
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Hapolm	8937	-9.2	55050	8863	-10.0	37294
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Isramco	14.4	-10.0	32060000	14.5	-9.4	7604518
IsrCorp1	24189	-3.2	4140	24252	-3.0	1722
IsrCorp5	23295	-5.2	650	23234	-5.5	637
IsChem	241	-2.5	1477000	240	-2.8	358326
IDB	1103	-2.7	541500	1106	-2.5	38820
IDBDev	61993	-2.7	4150	61993	-2.7	479
ILDC	1340	-2.7	94800	1350	-2.0	34978
JEC	1287	-3.5	79200	1281	-4.0	24602
JOEL	205	-9.0	804000	214	-4.9	204638
Kardan5	479	-7.5	39000	477	-7.9	58572
Kitan	1099	-2.7	51600	1102	-2.5	20900
Koor	23892	-4.0	21750	24016	-3.5	2760
Leumi	315	-2.7	450000	318	-1.9	87687
Lilshiz1	241	-3.5	24000	241	-3.6	42284
Makhtesh	1568	-2.5	106000	1568	-2.5	20533
Malibu5	872	-1.2	61200	865	-2.0	24364
Maman	833	-1.7	42000	829	-2.2	19997
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Mashov	499	-7.0	12500	498	-7.3	10219
Mehadrin	17960	-4.2	1600	18194	-3.0	1092
MeirEzra	4471	-7.2	15250	4434	-8.0	6623
Mivtah	1264	-5.0	10800	1264	-5.0	10491
Multlock	1638	-3.2	37800	1566	-7.5	13498
MGN5	6776	-6.2	1000	6857	-5.0	414
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PazoilEx	208	-9.2	125000	210	-8.3	63823
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Periclas	2251	-2.7	1800	2263	-2.2	5000
Petrchem	1081	-0.2	113400	1084		38081
Piryon	13897	-5.7	4920	13897	-5.8	1042
PolgatB	441	-3.0	12000	444	-2.4	43750
Poseidon	135.0	-10.0	224000	139.0	-7.3	84428
Rogosin	3778	-5.2	9200	3718	-6.7	3139
SelaPump	186.0	-5.0	296000	186.0	-5.1	253833
SupersIB	5399	-4.0	18750	5441	-3.3	2478
Tamboue	728	-2.7	4000	730	-2.5	20200
TefahotB	186029	-3.0	48	186029	-3.0	93
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Tibnveal	736	-9.2	18500	734	-9.5	21117
TAT5	426	-6.2	78000	431	-5.1	33246
Urdan 0.	371	-5.0		371	-5.1	42797
Yaad	825	-7.2	2000	834	-6.3	5735
Ytong	868	-3.5	74000	863	-4.0	21000

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Market suffers more declines

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

ANDRE LUMBROSO

Two-Sided index	Maof Index	Karam Index
184.14 -2.94%	186.79 -2.72%	172.03 -4.42%

THE stock market underwent another day of sharp declines on all fronts.

The Two-Sided Index declined 2.9 percent, the Maof 2.7% and the Karam 4.4%.

Meanwhile, 130 securities on the Karam market were declared sellers only and were marked down a full 10%. Turnover was NIS 176 million.

It was another day when the market searched in vain for buyers.

The money managers who had temporarily pushed the market up on Sunday and failed to maintain the momentum on Monday were clearly hoping that the big boys, namely the provident funds, would step into the fray and relay them in reviving the market.

This was not to be. The provident funds looked on the side while prices crumbled, particularly on the Karam.

The mini crash on the Karam is particularly indicative. The institutionals are weary of entering that market since it suffers from low liquidity, and selling securities there often entails sharp declines in prices.

The institutionals stayed away from the Two-Sided as well, with only two securities rising – Teva and Shekem. No fewer than 38 securities posted declines of more than 5%.

Some traders were quick to blame the declines on the overselling of the peace process Sunday.

The market is also coping with bittersweet news on the economic front.

The leading economic indicators are in fact rising, but it is doing so because of a sharp rise in private consumption at the expense of savings.

Paradoxically, this is bad news. The interest rates are on their way up, and we are being told that the expectations are that the CPI for the month of September will be high again.

These gloomy feelings were reinforced by a discussion paper presented by Dr. Asher Balas from the Bank of Israel research department, according to which the rises in the stock market, which are considered to reflect expectations of growth in the economy, were aligned on a faster growth rate than what actually took place in the economy.

Considering the difficulty in handling expectations, one must take this research with a grain of salt. It does, however, reflect a commonly held view that the market overshot the economy.

There were only 14 price rises on the market – six among shares and eight among convertibles.

The Maof options market seems to be indicating that prices will firm up today. Call prices during the last hour of trading started firming up, usually a sign that better tidings are on their way.

FTSE Index closes 18.3 points higher

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuter) – Share prices closed firmer, just above the day's best and the psychological 3,000 level on the FTSE 100 index, helped by firmer gilts and FTSE futures, together with a steady Wall Street. The FTSE 100 index closed 18.3 points up at 3,001.8.

FRANKFURT - The DAX index ended the bourse session weaker but off the day's lows as bund futures prices recovered.

Share volumes remain low and prices are seen drifting in post-bourse dealing as long as bund futures hold gains.

The DAX Index ended at 1,994.95, down 16.80 points on the day. In post-bourse trade the index fell back to 1,988.53.

PARIS - French shares clawed back some of Monday's heavy losses as the market corrected from its lurch to a new low.

However, traders said they remained cautious and kept a watchful eye on bond markets. The CAC-40 Index was up .23.29 points, or 1.26 percent, to 1,876.12.

ZURICH - Swiss shares ended higher in a technical recovery after Monday's fall. The technical recovery was likely to continue in the days to come because the SMI index, the Conf future and the dollar all traded just above important support levels.

This was seen pushing the market higher. The Broad SPI was up 11.63 points at day's high of 1,675.59.

TOKYO - Tokyo stocks ended lower on sporadic arbitrage-linked selling triggered by weakening futures prices, brokers said.

However, a wait-and-see mood dominated the market and there were no active buyers or sellers, they said. The 225-share Nikkei average ended down 81.42 points to 19,568.61.

HONG KONG - Hong Kong shares closed with slight gains after a session that was featureless except for some speculative interest in second line issues, analysts said.

The blue-chip Hang Seng Index put on 11.63 points to close at 9,504.12, off a high of 9,547.78. The broader All Ordinaries Index gained 6.62 to 4,802.69.

SYDNEY - Australian stocks ended below key support at a 2-1/2 month low amid mounting concerns over rising local interest rates, but overall volumes were thin.

Dealers said the market followed offshore markets lower after US manufacturing data sparked renewed inflation worries. The All Ordinaries Index closed, 32.9 points lower at 1,998.0.

JOHANNESBURG - Shares finished generally softer as initial optimism about South African country ratings was diluted by gold's drift below $393 an ounce.

The Overall Index was 18 points off at 5,654, Industrial index four points lower at 6,301 and Gold index off 24 at 2,400.

Blue chip stocks plummet

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (Reuter) – Wall Street stocks were hammered in a broad-based selloff yesterday after new signs of strength in the economy triggered another bout of inflation fears.

The Dow Jones industrial average dropped 45.76 points to end at 3,801.13. The blue chip index was down more than 50 points just 10 minutes before the close, and the New York Stock Exchange activated its limit on computer program trading.

In the broader market, declining issues led advances 1,710 to 550 on heavy NYSE trading of more than 325 million shares.

Analysts said growing sentiment that Wall Street would not be spared another interest rate increase by the Federal Reserve sent stocks on a sharp afternoon slide. The Fed has raised interest rates five times so far this year in an effort to ward off inflation.

"We can nuance it to death, but it's interest rates, interest rates, interest rates," said Robert Von Pentz, chief investment officer at Riggs Investment Management Corp.

In the inflation-sensitive bond market, the Treasury's key 30-year bond closed down 11/32, and its yield rose to 7.89% from 7.86% at Monday's close.

Strong September sales of cars and light trucks was the latest indication that the economy was showing no signs of cooling off.

Also, the Commerce Department said its key economic forecasting gauge rose at the fastest rate in five months in August. The Index of Leading Indicators, which is supposed to forecast economic trends six to nine months ahead, climbed by 0.6% in August after being flat in July.

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	MARK	STERLING	YEN	SFr	FFr
MARK	—	0.4089/91	64.42/45	0.8307/10	3.4157/62
STERLING	2.4445/55	—	157.48/60	2.0308/22	8.3482/58
YEN	1.5516/25	0.6345/50	—	1.2890/01	5.2991/42
SFr	1.2032/39	0.4921/24	77.52/57	—	4.1093/32
FFr	0.2926/29	0.1197/98	18.84/8N	0.2431/34	—

Prices from 22:00 local time

Hap J'lem erases 15-point deficit to advance in European Cup

ARYEH DEAN COHEN

THE "Never Say Quit Kids," AKA Hapoel Jerusalem, did it again last night. They erased last week's 15-point defeat in Lithuania by stunning Atletas Kaunas, 76-56 to advance to the third and final preliminary round of the European Cup.

With the same character they displayed in beating Hapoel Galil Elyon in overtime Sunday night despite losing captain Papi Turgeman, Jerusalem, up only three points at halftime, used a ferocious defense and the outstanding play of former LA Laker Billy Thompson (24 points) and Serb guard Radenko Dovrosh (16, all in the second half) to achieve the impressive task.

A Jerusalem victory hardly ever seemed in doubt, but the point differential looked insurmountable for most of the game. Coach Gadi Kedar's club came tantalizingly close to the necessary 16-point victory margin several times, but the huge (7-foot-2) Kaunas center Zydrunas Ilgauskas kept putting in offensive rebounds and other baskets, to keep his club comfortably behind, 59-52.

Goliaths have never fared well in this part of the country, however. Seconds later, Kedar reached for his slingshot in the form of a full-court press that felled both Ilgauskas and Kaunas.

Jerusalem players suddenly swarmed all over the court, leading to consecutive baskets by Thompson and Dovrosh to give the hosts their biggest lead, 66-52. Turgeman then stole a ball at the sideline and fed Hubert Roberts for a monster slam dunk that took the heart out of the Lithuanians.

Clearly rattled by the full-court press, Kaunas failed to inbound, then got called for a technical foul for complaining to the refs. But Dovrosh missed both shots, and Jerusalem desperately clung to its vital 16-point lead.

Roberts did everything except call in an F-15 strike on Ilgauskas, but the huge center scored again to narrow it to 68-54. Minutes later, he threw up a prayer that some how went in as Roberts stared in disbelief.

But experience was to win out in Malha last night; and Thompson, a veteran of the NBA wars, calmly hit a lay-up after a fine pass from Roberts, then hit the vital free-throw to again hit Sweet Sixteen.

Moments later, Thompson put in an offensive rebound to boost the lead to 18. The befuddled Lithuanians tried a three to force overtime, but missed, and Dovrosh buried two foul shots to send 1,000 Jerusalem fans home happy and Hapoel one step farther in European play.

Galil, Eilat look for 2nd-round Korac sweeps

JOEL GORDIN

FOUR Israeli basketball teams will host second round, second leg Korac Cup games tonight.

Hapoel Galil Elyon and Hapoel Eilat won in the first leg last week while Maccabi Rishon Lezion and Maccabi Herzliya have deficits to make up. Live excerpts from all four games will be shown in a special broadcast of Cable TV's Channel 5, beginning at 20.30.

The games are (first-leg scores in parentheses): Galil vs. Slovenia's Koper Slovenica (89-81), Eilat vs. Belgium's Ostend Sunair (69-66), Rishon vs. Slovenia's Maribor (85-91) and Herzliya vs. Czechoslovakia's USK Prague (82-95).

In other basketball news, Hapoel Galil Elyon is on the verge of signing 34-year-old Darryn Daye (2.03m), formerly of the Washington Bullets, Boston Celtics and Italy's Scavolini Pesaro.

Daye, who could change the course of Galil's fortunes this season, will replace Serbian Andrej Zellinbaba. Galil is also continuing to test candidates to replace Mike Gibson.

The Israel Basketball Association has announced it will take steps to end Betar Ramat Gan's participation in the National League. The club has been appearing with a youth side which in each game has been humiliated by more than 50 points.

Working-class heroes gather in Eilat

THE 14th Sportiada for workplace-athletes opened in Eilat yesterday. Some 6,000 sportspeople from 100 workplaces around the country have gathered to compete in 13 different events.

Maradona to coach

BUENOS AIRES (Reuter) – Diego Maradona, serving a 15-month ban for failing a doping test at the World Cup, said on Monday he had agreed to coach Argentine soccer club Deportivo Mandiyu, from the city of Corrientes, 800 miles north of Buenos Aires.

SCOREBOARD

RUGBY – South Africa A demolished the Argentine Pumas 56-12 yesterday, running in seven tries without reply to dent the tourists' morale ahead of Saturday's first Test in Port Elizabeth.

olympic greetings

President Ezer Weizman (l) receives an Olympic medallion from Alex Giladi, Israel's first-ever member of the International Olympic Committee. (Photo Noy)

NHL players nix practice

NEW YORK (AP) – NHL teams are allowing players to practice without playing games. The players are saying "no thanks."

They have vowed not to lace up their skates until the season begins and, if Monday was any indication, their blades are going to get rusty.

"No NHL player will go on the ice for two weeks, not even to skate in their own backyard," Pat Verbeek of the Hartford Whalers said. "Put the gear in the basement and leave it there.

"We want to show owners how serious we are about them locking us out of the season. Who says after two weeks there won't be another postponement?"

Monday was Day 3 of the 1994-95 schedule. So far, 16 games have been postponed by the dispute between the NHL and the players association, and four more were scheduled for last night.

Last Friday, commissioner Gary Bettman postponed the schedule until at least October 15 to reach a collective agreement to replace the one that expired September 15, 1993.

The NHL and NHLPA both agree that something must be done to help teams in small markets. The league wants to tax a team's payroll to generate revenues. The players say the tax will cause owners to cap salaries.

The NHLPA has proposed that the top 16 revenue-generating teams be taxed 5½ percent on payrolls and gate receipts, with the money going into a pool for teams in small markets.

NZ tour to India proceeds

WELLINGTON (Reuter) – New Zealand Cricket yesterday confirmed its tour of India and South Africa will go ahead as planned and named two new caps in a team notable for its weak bowling attack.

Wicketkeeper Lee Germon and his Canterbury teammate, batsman Darrin Murray, are the two new caps in the team, while long-serving batsman Mark Greatbatch was left out of the 16-man squad.

NZC confirmed the team will depart for India on October 23 as planned, removing uncertainty about the tour due to an outbreak of pneumonic plague in India.

China dominates Games

HIROSHIMA (AP) – Sweeps in three sports. Double digit gold. Two weightlifting world records. All in all, the second day of the Asian Games was pretty average for China.

And the third might even be a bit slower. But just a bit. With medals being decided in some of China's few weak sports – bowling, equestrian and karate – some of the other 41 countries and territories that have been banished to the sidelines by China's sports machine are hoping to grab a bit of the spotlight.

But so far, the China powerhouse has lived up to its invincible reputation.

After yesterday's competition, China had 20 golds, with Japan far back in second place at eight, six of those coming from karate, in which China isn't competing. Iran and Syria wrecked Japan's chances of a sweep, however, by winning two of the day's four events.

Yesterday's single-day tally was even more telling. Of 16 golds contested, China won all but the four in karate.

As expected, Chinese swimmers dominated the pool, sweeping both swimming and diving events. Five more swimming titles are at stake today.

Xiong Guoming became the games' first triple gold medalist by anchoring the relay team to victory after winning the grueling men's 400-meter individual medley in an Asian record of 4:19.40 and the 200 freestyle on Monday.

China's world record-breakers in weightlifting yesterday were Chen Xiaomin at 59 kilograms and Tang Weifang at 70kg. The Chinese women have set records in five of the six weight classes completed. Three more finals were scheduled today.

China's other victories were in women's team gymnastics and individual foil fencing.

A total of 337 golds are at stake at the 12th Asiad, which has a field of nearly 5,000 athletes.

Lone Palestinian asks help in rebuilding sport

Palestine, with a lone competitor, appealed to the world sports community yesterday for help in building its sports facilities.

Rabie al-Turk, representing the PLO, said his autonomous region was in such deep crisis that it could not afford to send more than one athlete to compete at the Games.

"The International Olympic Committee, the Olympic Council of Asia should help us...we dream of stadiums, equipment, but we have nothing-...nothing," al-Turk said.

He pointed out that the $1.5 billion that Hiroshima spent in building facilities for the Games, which opened on Sunday, would have helped rebuild half of Gaza and Jericho.

"But we also take heart from the fact that Hiroshima, like Palestine, had to be completely rebuilt," he said.

Bogus volleyball squad caught

The 56-member "Philippines National Volleyball Team" had almost made it through immigration when an alert Japanese official noticed they did not quite measure up.

The nearly-successful scam took place at Fukuoka Airport in western Japan on Sunday when a group of 56 men and women arrived on a flight from Seoul claiming to be the Philippines national volleyball team.

Hours later, 56 illegal immigrants were on a flight back to Manila, their plot to sneak into Japan uncovered despite convincingly elaborate uniforms, flags and what at first glance passed as official Asian Games identification cards.

The scheme failed because they chose the wrong sport, immigration officials said.

"Volleyball players usually run from 175 cm upwards in height," a Fukuoka airport immigration official said. "Without exception, these people were of average height or shorter."

HANDLING A WHOPPER – China's Tang Weifang lifts a world record 102.5 kg in the snatch event in the women's 70-kg weightlifting competition yesterday. (AP)

Steelers whip Oilers, 30-14

PITTSBURGH (Reuter) – Barry Foster ran for 115 yards and a touchdown and Gary Anderson kicked three field goals, leading the Pittsburgh Steelers to a 30-14 victory over the Houston Oilers on Monday.

Foster carried 21 times and scored a touchdown during the Steelers' 20-point first quarter as they rolled to an easy win over their divisional rival.

Foster finished with 99 yards on 17 carries in the first half.

Pittsburgh (3-2) remains one game behind the first-place Cleveland Browns in the AFC Central division. Houston, which won its first game last week, fell to 1-4.

The Steelers scored on their first four possessions, taking advantage of Foster's running and a Houston turnover. Pittsburgh quarterback Neil O'Donnell completed 9-of-17 passes for 154 yards.

An ineffective Cody Carlson was replaced by Houston backup quarterback Bucky Richardson with 9:18 left in the second quarter. Carlson had completed just three of seven pass attempts for a paltry 18 yards.

Richardson was effective in his backup role, completing 13 of 24 passes for 230 yards and two touchdowns.

The Oilers broke the shutout with 9:11 left in the fourth quarter when Richardson connected with Ernest Givens on a 76-yard touchdown reception, making it 30-7.

He found Givens again for a touchdown in the final seconds of the game.

The Steelers recorded six sacks.

Leicester draws with Coventry

LEICESTER (AP) – Welsh striker Iwan Roberts scored his first two goals of the season, the second with five minutes remaining, to give Leicester a 2-2 draw with Coventry in Monday night's Premier League action.

US international Roy Wegerle and Dion Dublin scored for Coventry in a game that also included two red cards. Coventry's Gary Gillespie and Leicester's Jim Willis were dismissed for separate offenses in the first half.

The result, before 19,372 at Filbert Street, was a disappointment for both struggling teams, as each needed a victory to move out of the four-team relegation zone. Leicester moved up one place to 19th, while Coventry remained 21st in the 22-team league.

In a bizarre first half, referee Keith Cooper brandished the red card twice in 14 minutes as both teams were reduced to 10 men.

Wegerle opened the scoring in the 11th minute with a 10-meter volley after his captain Dion Dublin had nodded down the ball from Pickering's cross.

Ten-man Leicester equalized in first-half injury time when Joachim's header was saved by goalkeeper Steve Ogrizovic. The ball, however, fell into the path of Roberts, who volleyed in the equalizer.

Dublin put Coventry ahead 2-1 in the 73rd when he stuck out his foot to send home a Pickering cross.

Congress: More hearings if strike drags on

NEW YORK (AP) – Congress will hold renewed hearings on the baseball strike if it drags on into next year, the chairman of the House Committee on Education and Labor warned Monday.

Rep. Pat Williams said if the strike isn't settled by the time Congress reconvenes on January 3, he will recall officials from management and the players association for more testimony.

The House Judiciary Committee last week passed legislation that would have partially removed the owners' exemption from anti-trust laws, but the effort to pass Senate legislation ended Friday.

Congress is set to adjourn this Friday, but several legislators said both sides should interpret the debate as a "wake-up call."

No talks are scheduled to end the strike, which went through its 53rd day Monday. Owners negotiator Richard Ravitch was visiting his son in England and acting commissioner Bud Selig said he wasn't sure if Ravitch will return this week.

Owners are expected to meet in Detroit during the week of October 17 to discuss how they will proceed next season.

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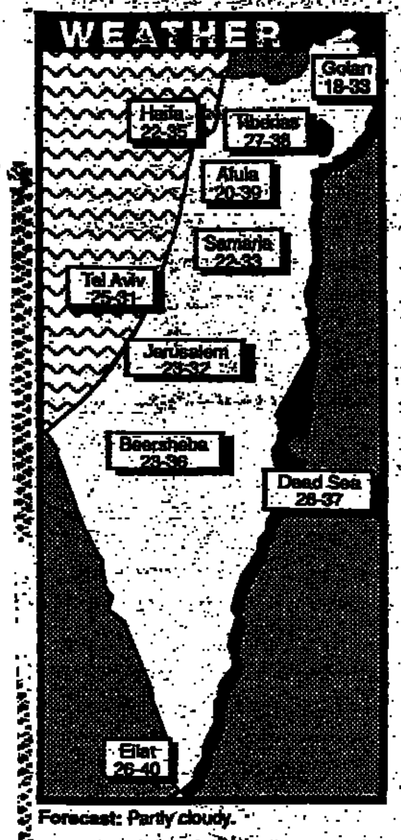

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Amsterdam	03	37	11	52	cloudy
Berlin	05	41	11	52	clear
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Cairo	23	73	33	91	clear
Chicago	12	54	17	63	cloudy
Copenhagen	01	34	12	54	clear
Frankfurt	03	37	17	63	clear
Geneva	10	50	12	54	rain
Helsinki	03	37	10	50	cloudy
Hong Kong	25	77	28	82	clear
Jo'burg	09	48	30	86	cloudy
Lisbon	16	61	24	75	ptcloudy
London	04	39	11	52	clear
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Madrid	13	55	26	79	cloudy
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CRITIC'S CHOICE

THEATER

HELEN KAYE

I Never Sang for My Father is Herb (*I'm Not Rappoport*) Gardner's funny, catch-at-the-heart play about a Jewish family trying to make it in America, about Jewishness and about relations between father and son. The story happens in Eddie's (Sasson Gabai's) seedy bar on the Lower East Side of New York. Eddie has died and now his son Charlie (Ami Weinberg) is going to sell the old place where he grew up. Hy Kalus directs; Adrian Vaux has done the set and Dan Almagor the translation. The joint Beit Liessin/Haifa Theater production opens tonight on the Haifa Theater mainstage at 8:30. (Hebrew)

It's easy to believe that Yael Pearl, Tatiana Canellis-Olier and Gili Ben Uzilio really are sisters in a fine and subtle performance of *Three Sisters*, directed by Shachar Segal. Tonight (8:30) at Habimartef in Tel Aviv. (Hebrew)

Woody Harrelson and Juliette Lewis are the title characters in Stone's 'Natural Born Killers.' (S. Baldwin)

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

TEL Aviv Museum's chamber music season opens Saturday (8:30) with the piano festival, in which Pnina Salzman takes center stage accompanied by nine other local pianists. The program features a Bach concerto for three pianos and chamber orchestra, Gershwin's *An American in Paris*, Shlomo Gronich's *Luna Park* for piano and orchestra and the premiere of Moshe Zorman's *The Piano*, especially composed for the occasion.

Another chamber music series opens Friday (noon) at the Diaspora Museum in Tel Aviv, which this season hosts a concert every other week. This week the energetic Vocal Octet performs Israeli songs and Jewish music from the Yemenite tradition.

FILMS

ADINA HOFFMAN

★★★★ NATURAL BORN KILLERS – Oliver Stone's latest grab at the American jugular is a sordid, feverish, desperate, bitter, messy, uproarious trip of a film in which no fewer than 60 people are shot, stabbed, drowned or in some other gruesome manner rammed headlong into a premature death. A scathing send-up of the sensational way the media depict high-profile crime, à la O.J. and Lorena Bobbitt, *Killers* is so gripping and so troubling because as it satirizes it also understands and exploits the terrible allure of the moving image. The movie has real problems – ugliness first of all – but it still takes its place as the most audacious Hollywood product of the last several years. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Children under 17 not admitted without an adult; ID will be checked.)

LECTURE

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

COMMERCE and Trade in Mesopotamia is the topic of tonight's gallery talk at the Bible Lands Museum, Jerusalem, presented by Rivka Spanier in English. Next week at the same time and place, Avraham Rosenthal talks in Hebrew about The Development of Monotheism in the Ancient Near East.

TELEVISION

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

AFTER the enormous success of his famous Los Angeles World Cup concert with tenors Pavarotti, Carreras and Domingo, Zubin Mehta presents a very special concert of Israel's leading three tenors, Gabi Sade, Russian born Yevgeny Shapovalov and Dudu (*Les Miserables*) Fisher. The concert is part of tonight's Dan Shilon talk show on Channel 2 (9:30).

CINEMA

JERUSALEM

CINEMATHEQUE **Films by the second year graduates of the film department of the Tel Aviv University 8 ★ Whoever Lies Twice** 9:30 G.G. GIL Jerusalem Mall (Malha) ☎ 788448 **Clear and Present Danger** 1, 4, 7, 10 ★ **Forrest Gump** 1, 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ **Reality Bites** 1, 4:30, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Natural Born Killers** 1, 5, 7:30, 10 ★ **My Life** 1, 5, 7:15, 9:30 ★ **True Lies** 1, 4, 7, 9:45 ★ **The Client** 1, 4:30, 7, 9:30 JERUSALEM THEATER **Burnt Sun** 8:30 RAV CHEN 1-7 ☎ 792799 **Credit Card Reservations** ☎ 794477 Rav-Mecher Building, 19 Ha'oman St., Talpiot **The Lion King** (English dialogue) 7:30, 9:45 ★ **The Lion King** (Hebrew dialogue) (Hebrew dialogue) 5 ★ **Four Weddings and a Funeral** 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Speed•When a Man Loves a Woman** 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 ★ **Short Cuts** 5:30, 9 ★ **A Bronx Tale** 9:45 ★ **Baby's Day Out** 5, 7:30 ★ **The Mask** 5, 7:30, 9:45 RON 1-2 ☎ 234704 1 Rabbi Akiva St. **Baby's Day Out•Speed** 5, 7:30, 9:30

TEL AVIV

RAV-CHEN ☎ 5282288* Dizengoff Center **When a Man Loves a Woman** 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ **The Lion King** (English dialogue) 7:30, 9:45 ★ **The Lion King** (Hebrew dialogue) 5 ★ **Speed** 11:30 a.m., 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Baby's Day Out** 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **The Mask** 11:30 a.m., 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 DEKEL ☎ 5443200 94 Yehuda Hamaccabi St. **Speed** 7:30, 9:30 DIZENGOFF 1-3 ☎ 200485 Dizengoff Center **True Romance** 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Rouge** 3, 9:45 ★ **Bleu** 1, 7:30 ★ **Blanc** 11 a.m., 5:15 ★ **A Dangerous Woman** 11 a.m., 1, 5:15, 9:45 ★ **Baraka** 3, 7:30 DRIVE IN **Getaway** 10 ★ **Sex Film** 12 midnight GAN HA'IR 71 Ibn Gabirol St. **Kika** 5, 7:30, 9:45 GAT ☎ 6967888* 26 Ibn Gabirol St. **Four Weddings and a Funeral** 5, 7:15, 9:45 GORDON ☎ 5236992 87 Ben Yehuda St. **True Love** 6, 8, 10 HOD **Forrest Gump** 1:30, 4:30, 7:15, 10 ★ **The Client** 1:30, 4:30, 7:15, 10 ★ **Reality Bites** 1:30, 5, 7:30, 10 ★ **My Life** 1:30, 5, 7:30, 10 LEV 1-4 ☎ 5288288 **Natural Born Killers** 12, 2:15, 4:45, 7:30, 10 ★ **Raining Stones** 12:15, 2, 5, 7:45, 10 ★ **Go Fish** 12, 4:30, 6:15, 8 ★ **Naked** 2, 10 ★ **North** 12, 2, 5:30 ★ **The Hudsucker Proxy** 7:30, 10 MAXIM **Drix's Brother** 7:30, 9:30 RAV-OR 1-5 ☎ 5102674* Opera House **Serial Mom•The Mask** 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Shadowlands** 9:45 ★ **Short Cuts** 5:30, 9 ★ **A Bronx Tale** 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ **Baby's Day Out** 5, 7:30 G.G. SHAHAF 1-2 ☎ 5271845 Kikar Namir **Forrest Gump•Clear and Present Danger** 4:30, 7:15, 10:15 G.G. TAYELET 1-3 ☎ 5177952 2 Yona Hanavi St. **The Client•Reality Bites** 5, 7:30, 10 ★ **True Lies** 4:30, 7:15, 10 G.G. TEL AVIV ☎ 5281181 65 Pinsker St. **Clear and Present Danger•True Lies** 4:30, 7:15, 10:15 ★ **The Client** 4:45, 7:30, 10:15 TEL AVIV MUSEUM ☎ 6961297 27 Shaul Hamelekh Boulevard **Nani Moretti's Diary** 5, 7:45, 10 ZAFON ☎ 5443966 18 Louis Marshall St. **Burnt Sun** 4, 7, 9:45

HAIFA

CINEMA CAFÉ AMAMI ☎ 325755 **In the Name of the Father•Rouge** 9:15 ★ **Beverly Hills Cop•Orlando** 7:15 ATZMON 1-5 ☎ 673003 **Clear and Present Danger•True Lies** 4:15, 6:45, 9:15 ★ **Forrest Gump** 4:15, 6:45, 9:15 ★ **True Romance•The Client** 4:30, 7, 9:15 CINEMA CAFÉ MORIAH ☎ 242477 **Raining Stones** 7:30, 9:30 ORLY **Short Cuts** 5:30, 9 PANORAMA 1-3 ☎ 382020 **Reality Bites•Natural Born Killers** 4:30, 7, 9:30 ★ **Burnt Sun** 4:15, 6:45, 9:15 RAV-GAT 1-2 ☎ 674311 **Four Weddings and a Funeral** 4:45, 7, 9:15 ★ **The Mask** 5, 7, 9:15 RAV-MOR 1-7 ☎ 416899/8 **Speed** 4:30, 7, 9:30 ★ **The Lion King** (English dialogue) 7, 9:30 ★ **The Lion King** (Hebrew dialogue) 5 ★ **Ace Ventura** 5, 7, 9:30 ★ **When a Man Loves a Woman** 4:30, 7, 9:30 ★ **Four Weddings and a Funeral** 4:30, 7, 9:30 ★ **A Bronx Tale** 9:30 ★ **Baby's Day Out** 5, 7 ★ **The Mask** 5, 7, 9:30 RAV-OR 1-3 ☎ 246553 **When a Man Loves a Woman** 4:30, 7, 9:15 ★ **Speed•The Lion King** (English dialogue) 7, 9:15 ★ **The Lion King** (Hebrew dialogue) 5 ★ **Baby's Day Out** 5

ASHDOD

G.G. GIL **When a Man Loves a Woman** 5, 7:30, 10:15 ★ **Clear and Present Danger** dir. 4:45, 7:15, 10:15 ★ **True Lies** 4:45, 7:30, 10:15 ★ **Speed** 5, 7:30, 10 ★ **The Client** 5, 7:15, 10

ASHKELON

G.G. GIL **Clear and Present Danger** 4:45, 7:30, 10:15 ★ **The Client** 4:45, 7:15, 10 ★ **Fearless** 4:45, 7:30, 10 ★ **My Life** 5, 7:30, 10 ★ **True Lies** 4:45, 7:30, 10:15 CHEN 1-5 ☎ 711223 **When a Man Loves a Woman•The Lion King** (English dialogue)**•Four Weddings and a Funeral** 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **The Mask** 9:45 ★ **Speed** 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **The Lion King** (Hebrew dialogue) weekdays 5 ★ **Baby's Day Out** 5, 7:30

BAT YAM

RAV CHEN ☎ 5531077 **The Client•When a Man Loves a Woman** 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ **Four Weddings and a Funeral** 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Clear and Present Danger** 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 ★ **Speed** 9:45 ★ **True Romance** 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **True Lies** 4:30, 7, 9:45 ★ **Baby's Day Out** 5, 7:15

BEERSHEBA

RAV-NEGEV 1-4 ☎ 235278 **Four Weddings and a Funeral** 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **The Mask** 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Speed** 9:45 ★ **Baby's Day Out** 5, 7:30 ★ **When a Man Loves a Woman** 5, 7:15, 9:45 G.G. GIL **Clear and Present Danger•True Lies** 4:30, 7:15, 10:15 ★ **My Life•The Client** 4:30, 7:15, 10

HADERA

LEV 1-4 ☎ 343555 **Clear and Present Danger** 7:15, 10 ★ **The Lion King** (Hebrew dialogue) 5 ★ **Speed** 10 ★ **Baby's Day Out** 5, 7:30 ★ **The Client** 7:30, 10 ★ **Thumbelina** (Hebrew dialogue) 5 ★ **True Lies** 7:15, 10 ★ **North** 5

HERZLIYA

COLONY CINEMA 1-2 (MANDARIN) ☎ 6902666 **Serial Mom•The Hudsucker Proxy** 7:30, 10 DANIEL HOTEL ☎ 544044 **THE AUDITORIUM Burnt Sun** 7, 9:45 STAR ☎ 589068 29 Sokolov St. **Forrest Gump** 7:15, 10 ★ **The Client** 7:30, 10 ★ **Clear and Present Danger** 7:15, 10

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MOFET **True Lies** 7:15, 9:45

KARMIEL

CINEMA 1-3 ☎ 887277 **Beverly Hills Cop III•When a Man Loves a Woman** 7, 9:30 ★ **The Flintstones** 9:30 ★ **Baby's Day Out** 7

KFAR SAVA

G.G. GIL **Forrest Gump** 4:45, 7:30, 10:15 ★ **Clear and Present Danger** 4:45, 7:30, 10 ★ **Natural Born Killers** 4:45, 7:15, 10 ★ **Reality Bites** 5, 7:30, 10 ★ **When a Man Loves a Woman** 5, 7:30, 10 ★ **Truwe Lies** 4:45, 7:30, 10:15

KIRYAT BIALIK

G.G. KIRYON 1-9 ☎ 779166 **The Client•True Lies•Clear and Present Danger•Speed** 7, 9:30 ★ **The Flintstones** 4:45 ★ **Getting Even With Dad•Blank Check** 4:45 ★ **True Romance** 4:45, 7 ★ **The Lion King** 4:45, 7 ★ **My Life** 7, 9:30

KIRYAT MALACHI

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KIRYAT ONO

MATNAS **Shadowlands** 9:15 ★ **City Slickers** 5, 7, 9:15

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G.G. GIL 1-4 ☎ 404729 **Forrest Gump** 4:30, 7:15, 10:15 ★ **True Lies** 4:45, 7:30, 10:15 ★ **Clear and Present Danger** 4:45, 7:30, 10:15 ★ **The Client** 7:15, 10

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MOFET **The Woman Who Made Sesame Oil** 7:30, 9:30 ★ **Mammaleh** (Yiddish) 7:15 PARK **The Client•When a Man Loves a Woman•Clear and Present Danger•Speed** 7:30, 10 ★ **The Lion King** 5 ★ **Baby's Day Out** 7:30, 10 ★ **Thumbelina•The Lion King•The Mask•Blank Check** 5

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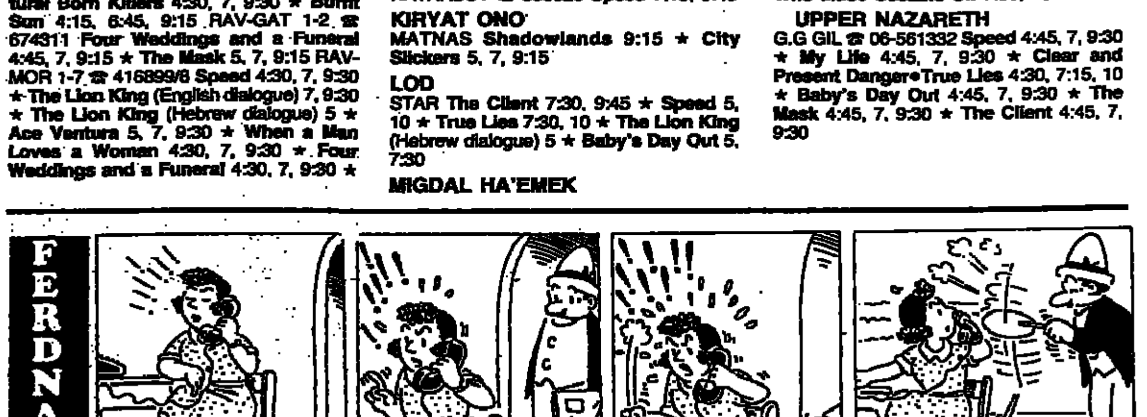

TELEVISION

■ CHANNEL 1

6:30 News in Arabic **6:45** Cartoon **7:00** Good Morning Israel

■ EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 Heart Beat – documentary series on ethnic music around the world **8:30** Arithmetic **8:50** History of Eretz Yisrael **9:10** English: Candy Can Do It **9:25** Pretty Butterfly **10:00** Morning Talk – with Batya Barak **10:30** News Programm for Children (rpt) **11:00** Judaism: Keshet v'anan **11:20** Literature **12:00** Life Sciences – the human body **12:15** Nature and Science **12:30** English: Radio Fever **12:55** Science and Technology **13:15** Volcanos **13:30** Keep Fit **14:00** Surprise Train **14:30** Little Magicians **15:00** Zombit

■ CHANNEL 1

15:30 Three, Four, Five and a Half – The shoemaker and the Dwarfs **16:00** News update **16:05** Great Expectations **17:00** A New Evening **17:30** What Do You Say – game show on what adults think children know **17:50** Rugrats **18:15** News in English

ARABIC PROGRAMS

18:30 Four Seasons **19:00** News in Arabic

HEBREW PROGRAMS

19:30 The Simpsons **20:00** Mabat **21:00** Conference Call – Nissim Mishal hosts the central personality of the week **21:35** As Time Goes By – In the early '50s a young army officer and a student nurse fell in love. He was sent to Korea. Thirty years later they meet again. Is this just a chance reunion or will romance be rekindled? Starring Geoffrey Palmer and Judi Dench. **22:05** Local Story – A woman recounts the story of her life in the '60s. Her boyfriend went on a trip and never came back. However, another man comes claiming to be his friend. He has an ancient map which shows a Turkish treasure buried somewhere on the moshav. **23:20** Stand-up comedy **23:30** Late-night news **23:35** Intruders (last part)

■ CHANNEL 2

14:05 Star Trek – The Next Generation **15:05** The Wind in the Willows **15:30** Doug **16:00** The Bold and the Beautiful **17:00** Line to the News **17:30** The Golden Girls **18:00** Who's the Boss **18:30** Paradise Beach **19:00** Israeli and foreign video clips **19:30** Kolbodek **20:00** News **20:30** Mini-series: Echoes in the Darkness **21:30** Live – Dan Shilon Hosts **00:00** News

■ JORDAN TV (unofficial)

17:00 French programs **18:30** News in French **19:00** News in Hebrew **19:30** Harry and Henderson **20:00** News in Arabic **20:30** Bob **21:15** Documentary **22:00** News in English **22:20** The Nanny **22:45** Poldark

■ MIDDLE EAST TV

13:00 The 700 Club **13:55** Film: His Girl Friday – Reporter helps condemned man escape, knowing his execution is merely a political vote-getting ploy. Starring Cary Grant, Rosalind Russell **15:30** Mighty Mouse **15:55** Jonny Quest **16:20** Dangermouse **16:45** Superbook **17:10** Hart To Hart **18:10** Rescue 911 **19:00** World News Tonight (Arabic) **19:30** CNN Headline News **20:00** Wings **20:30** Matlock **21:20** Murder She Wrote **22:10** The 700 Club **23:00** Special Programs

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■ FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

8:00 Local broadcast **9:00** One Life to Live **9:45** The Young and the Restless **10:30** Guests in the Living Room **11:00** I Love Lucy **11:30** Antonella **12:15** Murphy Brown **12:45** Falcon Crest **13:35** Coach **14:00** Israeli Clips **14:10** Thirtysomething **15:00** Topaz **15:50** Knots Landing **16:40** Three's Company **17:05** Love Boat **17:55** Israeli Clips **18:05** One Life to Live **18:50** The Young and the Restless **19:30** Local broadcast **20:00** Antonella **20:50** Falcon Crest **21:40** Cheers **22:05** Melrose Place **22:55** Acapulco Heat **23:40** Dear John **00:05** Cagney and Lacey **00:55** War of the Worlds

■ MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

10:30 Indian movie **11:50** What's On at the Cinema **12:00** Daddy Long Legs (1955) (rpt) **14:20** Mosquito Coast (1986) – Harrison Ford as an idealist who moves his family to South America (rp.) **16:15** Beethoven (1992) (rpt) **17:40** Night Train to Kathmandu (1988) (rpt) **19:20** Carry On Columbus (1992) (rpt) **21:00** One Against the Wind (1991) – suspense drama based on the true story of Mary Lindell, a British woman living in Paris during WWII who smuggled Allied soldiers out under the noses of the Nazis. Starring Judy Davis, Sam Neill and Denholm Elliott. Directed by Larry Elikann (95 mins) **22:40** Downtown (1990) (rpt) **00:15** Those Bedroom Eyes (1992) – erotic thriller **1:45** To Kill For (1991) (rpt)

■ CHILDREN'S CHANNEL (6)

6:30 Cartoons **9:00** Cartoons **9:35** Dreamstone **10:00** The Three Mouseketeers **10:00** Teen Wolf **11:10** Kappattoo **11:40** My Sister Sam **12:20** Beakman's World **13:00** The Kids from Degrassi **13:30** Cartoons **14:05** Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure **14:30** Little Devil **15:10** Teen Wolf **15:40** The Muppets **16:10** Once Upon a Time **16:40** Black Beauty **17:30** *The Kids from Degrassi* **18:00** Cartoons **18:35** Dreamstone **19:00** The Three Mouseketeers **19:30** Neighbors **19:55** Married with Children **20:20** The Simpsons **20:45** All in the Family **21:10** Hunter

■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 The Big Red One (1980) – WWII drama based on director Sam Fuller's reminiscences. Lee Marvin plays a tough general who leads a platoon of rookie soldiers into battle. Also starring Mark Hamill, Robert Carradine and Kelly Ward (108 mins) **23:55** The Inspector General (1949) – Danny Kaye plays an illiterate traveling salesman in 19th-century Russia who is mistaken for the powerful Inspector General, confidant of Napoleon. Directed by Henry Koster (102 mins)

■ DISCOVERY CHANNEL (8)

6:00 Open University: Social Sciences **11:00** Sowing for Need **12:00** America Under Cover **13:00** Pacific Outdoors **13:30** In Search Of **14:00** Open University (repeat of morning's programs) **16:00** Sowing for Need **17:00** America Under Cover **18:00** Open University (repeat of morning's programs) **20:00** Wild South **21:00** Great Books **22:00** American Caesar **23:00** Pacific Outdoors **23:30** In Search Of **00:00** Open University (repeat of morning's programs)

■ SUPER CHANNEL

6:00 Business Insiders **6:30** NBC Network News **7:00** ITN World News Live **7:15** US Market Wrap **7:30** Business Insiders **8:00** ITN World News **8:15** Market Wrap **8:30** Inside Edition **9:00** Super Shop **10:00** Rolanda **11:00** Rivera Live **12:00** Today's Business **13:00** Today **15:00** The Money Wheel **17:30** FT Business Tonight **18:00** Today **19:00** ITN World News **19:30** Supersport **20:30** Dateline **21:30** Inside Edition **22:00** ITN World News **22:30** The Tonight Show with Jay Leno **23:30** Real Personal **00:00** FT Business Wrap **00:30** Nightly News

■ STAR PLUS

6:00 The Sullivans **6:30** Neighbors **7:00** Matinee Classics: Nothing Sacred **8:30** Donahue **9:30** Oprah Winfrey **10:30** Julia Child with Master Chefs **11:00** Mr Rogers' Neighborhood **11:30** Baby Follies **12:00** Sharky and George **12:30** Street Noise **13:00** E! Extreme Close-Up **13:30** Neighbors **14:00** M*A*S*H **14:30** Doogie Howser, M.D. **15:00** Anything But Love **15:30** Moonlighting **16:30** The Bold and the Beautiful **17:00** Santa Barbara **18:00** Crystal Maze **19:00** The Bill **20:00** M*A*S*H **20:30** E! Extreme Close-Up **21:00** Neighbors **21:30** Crystal Maze **22:30** The Bill **23:30** Young Doctors **00:30** E! Extreme Close-Up

RADIO

■ VOICE OF MUSIC

6:06 Waking to Music **9:00** Schumann: Fantasy in C for piano op 17 (Ashkenazy); Brahms: Piano quartet in C minor op 60 (Boston Chamber Ens) **±10:10** Mozart: Clarinet concerto in A K622 (Brymer/Royal PO/Beecham); Beethoven: Piano concerto no 3 (Van Cliburn/Philadelphia/Ormandy) **±11:30** Schubert: Symphony no 6 (Philadelphia/Ormandy); Bruckner: Symphony no 9 (Vienna PO/Mehta) **±12:30** Pergolesi: La serva padrona, opera buffa; Rimsky-Korsakov: May Night overture (Bolshoi Theater/Svetlanov) **14:06** Beethoven: Piano sonata no 26 in E flat op 81A "Farewell" (Perahia); Brahms; Sonata no 1 in E minor for cello and piano op 38; Beethoven: Piano concerto no 2 (Pollini/Vienna PO/Jochum); Brahms: Piano quartet in G minor op 25 (Cantilena) **16:00** Guest program **18:00** Keys **19:05** Folk music from near and far – violins in folk music **20:03** From Our Concert Halls – Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra-IBA. Mozart: Flute concerto in D (Tal, Shalloni); Symphony no 41 "Jupiter" (Franz) **21:25** Chamber-Vocal Concert with Cameran Singers, cond Yuval Ben-Ozer. Mozart: 4 Motets; Missa Brevis; 2 Canons; Festive Vespers **23:00** Domino

■ RADIO 1

6:06 Hebrew songs **7:00** News in English **7:15** News in French **7:30** Hebrew songs **8:05** Dial **9:05** It's Open **10:05** Teleradio **11:05** Parents and Babies **12:05** Industry **13:00** News and program in English **13:30** News and program in French **14:05** Youth programs **15:05** Yiddish songs **16:05** Musical quiz **17:00** News in English **17:02** News in French **17:05** Voice of the Arts **18:05** Religious programs **20:00** Evening news **20:30** Judaism **21:35** Hassidic songs **22:05** Jerusalem magazine **23:05** Hebrew songs

■ RADIO 2

6:06 This Morning – news magazine **8:05** Another Matter **9:05** What We Had There **10:05** It's All Talk **12:05** Midday – news, commentary, music **14:05** Magic Moments **15:05** Foreign Affairs **15:45** Foreign Press **16:05** The Color of Money **17:05** Hebrew songs **18:05** Today – newsreel **19:05** Hebrew songs **21:05** News headlines **21:15** Current affairs **23:05** Night Flight **00:05** Midnight Magazine **00:30** Night Flight, continued **1:05** Into the Night **5:05** First Light

■ RADIO 3

Music all day and night

■ REKA

18:00 News in English **18:15** News in French **20:00** News in Russian

■ ARMY RADIO

5:02 Good Morning IDF **6:00** Announcements **6:05** Hebrew songs **6:30** University of the Air – From Brain Cells to Psychiatric Illness **7:07** Seven-O-Seven **8:00** Good Morning Israel **9:05** It's Difficult in the Morning **10:05** Right Now **12:50** Today's Entertainment **13:00** Midday News **13:15** The Heat's Canceled **15:05** Someone to Talk To **16:00** An Hour Before **17:00** Good Evening Israel **18:05** Over the Horizon **18:30** End of the Day **20:00** Evening news **20:30** Psychology **21:05** Musical Interlude **22:05** Vitamins **23:05** This Was the Day **00:10** Night Birds **2:00** We Don't Want to Sleep

■ ARMY ON WHEELS

7:05 The State on the Way **9:05** Songs **10:05** Sun **12:05** Something for the Road **13:05** Air Conditioning **14:05** Showers **15:05** Program with Yoav Kutner **16:05** Driving Wisely **18:05** Program with Lea Oz **20:05** Drive In **22:05** Good Night

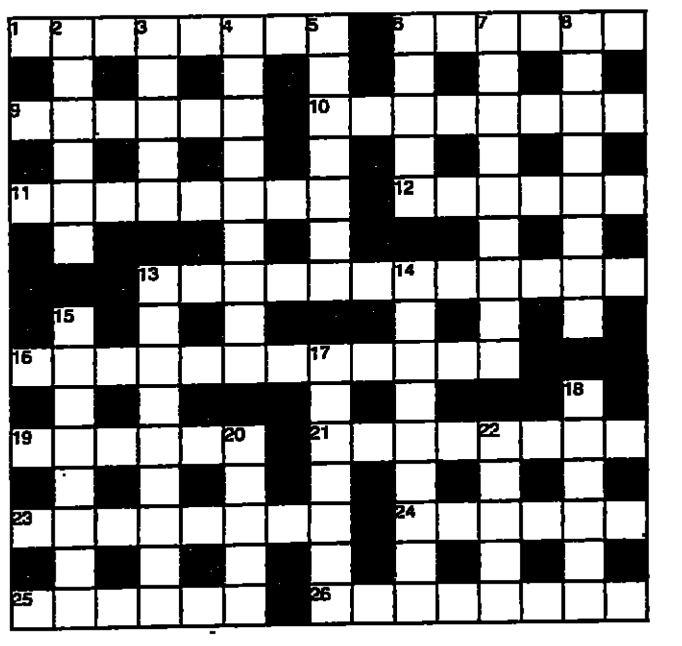
CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Gave up and went to bed (6,2)
6 Grab a few notes (6)
9 Issue of sulphurous material sent back (6)
10 Reptile plants a flower (8)
11 By reason of not being out so often (8)
12 Taking part of the shunting track (6)
13 Didn't trouble to invade until a very long time ago (12)
16 Great confusion with a wager about comparatively undomesticated chaps (12)
19 Hollow depression (6)
21 Ballet in which star's ankle was broken (4,4)
23 There's an enormous disadvantage in using solid fuel (8)
24 Indicate not to go in the river (6)
25 Spots one disturbance in spite of drooping eyelid (6)
26 Brilliant 24 hour match (8)

DOWN

2 Get run over and call for immediate attention (6)
3 Requires that it is unnecessary for the French to leave (5)
4 Enormously upset because south wind went round (9)
5 Nicked when spotted around the church (7)
6 Stretches up for the photos (5)
7 Declaration is daft if a six has been made! (9)
8 Looked after the tea in a cutter (5-3)
13 Sharp—like mineral water (9)
14 The sheltered side of a dry well in the east (9)
15 Confirms what Goldilocks discovered (5,3)
17 Made a bit of a noise while stealing cattle (7)
18 Drawing of a pointed boat (6)
20 People who entertain large numbers (5)
22 Garment clung immodestly in part (5)



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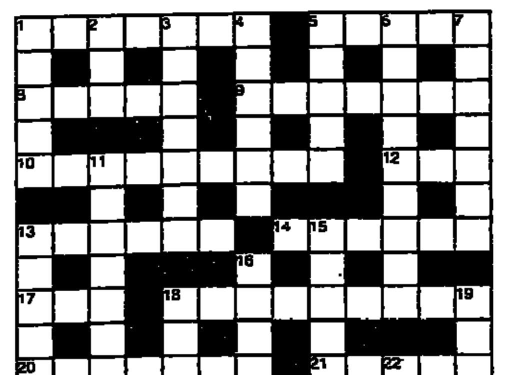
Quick Solution

ACROSS: 1 Ravels, 4 Bolero, 7 Listen out, 9 Boil, 10 True, 11 Quoit, 13 Ragout, 14 Twiggy, 15 Herald, 17 Bridal, 19 Tulip, 20 Cana, 22 Warn, 23 Greenhorn, 24 Calais, 25 Puppet.

DOWN: 1 Rubber, 2 Evil, 3 Set out, 4 Bandit, 5 Lout, 6 Orrery, 7 Lingering, 8 Tragedian, 11 Quilt, 12 Twerp, 15 Hectic, 16 Duress, 17 Bishop, 18 Lancet, 21 Area, 22 Wrap.



QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Toasted snack (7)
5 Complete (5)
8 Beneath (5)
9 Craving (7)
10 Degenerate state (9)
12 Girl's name (3)
13 Salary (6)
14 Government party (6)
17 Move over the snow (3)
18 Encouraged (9)
20 Sheathed (7)
21 Knowledgeable (5)
23 Transactions using money (5)
24 Secured the door (7)

DOWN

1 Circular (5)
2 A colour (3)
3 Ennui (7)
4 Ability (6)
5 Cringe (5)
6 Rusting process (9)
7 Motors (7)
11 Dye made from crushing insects (9)
13 Demands forcefully (7)
15 Exile (7)
16 A composer (6)
18 Bees live in these (5)
19 Be afraid of (5)
22 Tree (3)

Namir denies wanting to limit immigration

EVELYN GORDON

LABOR and Social Affairs Minister Ora Namir yesterday denied that she had called for a change in the Law of Return or selective immigration.

However, she said, the immigration from the former Soviet Union did raise a serious problem which the government was obligated to deal with.

"Young people in the former Soviet Union are shirking their responsibility to their parents and *dumping it on the state of Israel,*" she told the Knesset plenum in response to seven motions for the agenda about her alleged statement.

If pensioners become too great a proportion of the population, the state will not be able to meet its obligations, she warned – and we have an obligation to those who grew up here as much as we do to immigrants.

"I've never fought for something because I did a calculation that it was or wasn't popular," she continued.

However, she said, she had been overwhelmed by the number of people – both immigrants and veteran Israelis – who had called in support of her opinion.

Absorption Minister Yair Tzaban and MKs from all parties, however, strongly denounced anything that even smacked of limiting Jewish immigration.

"Nobody has the right to say who can come and who can't... because we are talking about the return of people to their historic homeland," said Benny Temkin (Meretz).

"If they are Jewish, their place *is in Israel,"* said Rehavam Ze'evi (Moledet). "And if the young ones aren't coming, perhaps that's our fault."

Tzaban blasted Namir for "stigmatizing" Russian immigrants as either elderly, crippled or single parents, and for portraying aid to immigrants as endangering the welfare of veteran Israelis.

In reality, he said, only 15% of *the Russian immigrants are elderly*, only 1.4% are crippled and only 10% are single-parent families. The number of children who come without their elderly parents is dozens of times greater than the number of elderly parents who come without their children, he added.

Furthermore, he said, economic studies have shown that after the first two or three years, immigrants contribute greatly to a country's economy, creating a bigger pie for veteran citizens as well. It is thanks to the immigrants that Israel has enjoyed growth rates of 5%-6% a year recently, which are the envy of the Western world, he said.

"I want to say, in the name of the government and of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, that this government's policy is clear: The Law *of Return is the cornerstone [of* the state], and the government rejects any idea of selective immigration," he stated. "[This] would contradict the basis of the state's existence."

In another development, Namir has rejected as "ridiculous and disgusting" the rumors circulated by politicians that she was not in her right mind when she made the *statements* because of her recent brain surgery.

Speaking to Israel Radio, Namir said: "I only returned to work after receiving a clean bill of health from doctors. If that wasn't the case I would not have returned. It's easy to say that I said those things because I am unhealthy."

She noted that she said those same things in previous meetings.

British defense minister to visit

ALON PINKAS

BRITISH Secretary of State for Defense Malcolm Rifkind is to arrive on October 20 on a five-day official visit, the Defense Ministry said yesterday.

He will be briefed on defense issues by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Ehud Barak, and other senior Defense Ministry officials and IDF officers.

He will visit the IDF bases, defense industries, and the Tel Aviv University's Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies. Rifkind will also participate in a dinner on the anniversary of the Balfour Declaration., *hosted by the Anglo-Israeli* Friendship League. Defense Ministry sources said the visit marks another step in the gradual warming of defense relations between the two countries. Three months ago, Britain announced that it was lifting the arms embargo imposed after the 1982 war in Lebanon, and yesterday the British assured Barak, now visiting London, that high level British military courses *will now be open to IDF officers.*

Meanwhile, Lt.-Gen. Aimo Pajunen, director-general of the Finish Ministry of Defense is to arrive today for a two-day visit.

Chinese Vice Premier Zou Jiahua (left) meets with (left to right) Ambassador to China Moshe Ben-Ya'acov, Industry and Trade Minister Micha Harish, and OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Yitzhak Mordechai at a luncheon hosted by Harish yesterday.

Chinese vice premier holds trade talks here

DAVID MAKOVSKY

CHINESE Vice Premier Zou Jiahua held talks with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and several Israeli ministers yesterday in bid to boost trade between the two countries.

Zou is the most senior Chinese official to visit here since ties between the two countries were established in 1992.

Participating in the meeting with Rabin and Zou were the ministers of housing, industry and trade, agriculture, and economics, along with a number of Chinese officials.

According to a participant in the meeting, the two sides discussed ways to improve trade in the areas of high-tech, telecommunications, electronics, and agriculture.

The volume of Israeli-Chinese *non-defense related* trade was $87 million in 1993, an increase of 550 percent over 1992. According to foreign reports, the military related trade stands at over $1 billion.

It remains unclear if Zou will use his visit to purchase Israeli military products.

Sources say Rabin warmly greeted Zou, who was an early supporter of Chinese-Israeli defense industry cooperation in the *late 1970s.* Before taking charge of economic planning for China, Zou supervised the Chinese defense industries.

Today Zou will visit the Dead Sea Works, which has long been considering signing a $470 million potash factory deal with a Chinese partner.

However, senior Israeli officials insist the deal has been held up due to a lack of government-assisted financing.

Zou yesterday extended an invi*tation to President Ezer Weizman* to visit Beijing. The invitation came during a meeting at Beit Hanassi in Jerusalem.

Weizman thanked Zou.

Ex-commando chief to stand trial in soldiers' deaths

ALON PINKAS

THE former commander of the elite Sayeret Matkal reconnaissance unit, Col. "A", and three other officers from the unit will stand trial for negligence leading to the deaths of two soldiers from sunstroke in 1992.

A special military court in Tel Aviv yesterday determined that the IDF Judge Advocate-General is authorized to indict the officers. Soldiers Yaron Bar-David and Eran Ofer died after suffering severe sunstroke during a demanding navigation exercise in the Arava in May 1992.

The court rejected a defense motion against the indictment, which cited the findings of an investigating judge that the officers were not directly responsible for the soldiers' deaths. The court also rejected an argument by Capt. "Y" claiming he should not stand trial since he has been discharged from service for over a year.

The judges – Col. Mordechai Peled, Col. Amnon Karmi, and Col. Yitzhak Goren – explained in their decision that Capt. "Y" and another officer did not verify the proper implementation of standing orders regarding such exercises and recklessly planned a difficult exercise.

The indictments are expected to be completed by December.

IDF denies French chief of staff hurt

THE IDF Spokesman yesterday denied a *Jerusalem Post* story saying visiting French Chief of Staff Adm. Jacques Lanxade was injured when a television camera hit him in the head.

"The story is unfounded," the Spokesman's Office said last night. Initially, the spokesman denied that Lanxade required medical assistance, and then denied the story altogether.

Air force sources reconfirmed the story, saying that there was an incident when a camera crew collided with a group of French officers.

"It was perhaps nothing worth mentioning, nor was the hit serious, but it was embarrassing," said one source.

In response, the IDF Spokesman reiterated the denial. *Alon Pinkas*

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Leon Gamza, honorary treasurer of the Friends of AKIM in England, lays the cornerstone for the construction of a hostel in Even Yehuda which will house 20 severely retarded residents. The hostel, which cost $850,000, will be the only one of its kind in Israel.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Woman gets damages for lost uterus

Ruth Nahmani, who sued her ex-husband so she could give frozen embryos to a surrogate, has won NIS 140,000 in damages against the gynecologist whose negligence she said forced her to have her uterus removed.

Beersheba District Court yesterday approved the settlement between *the sides. Nahmani had originally asked for NIS 1.2* million in damages from the doctor, his insurance company, and Kupat Holim Clalit.

A year ago, Nahmani won a suit against a Tel Aviv hospital, gaining custody of 11 frozen embryos fertilized *in vitro* with her eggs and her ex-husband's sperm. Her ex-husband's appeal against the decision is still being considered. *Itim*

Sex crime bill moves forward

The Knesset yesterday passed in first reading a bill to allow victims of sex crimes to testify without the accused present. To protect the accused's rights, he would be able to watch on closed-circuit TV.

The bill also stipulates that three judges must hear sex crime cases, and extends the statute of limitations for these crimes.

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Bank Hapoalim worker suspected of swindling couple out of savings

RAINE MARCUS

A BANK Hapoalim employee and a Filipina national who are suspected of swindling an elderly couple out of their life savings appeared in Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yesterday.

The Filipina, Sandy Chon, 34, was remanded for seven days by Judge Nira Lidsky, while banker Zvi Yagon, 54, was remanded until this morning to allow him time to consult with a lawyer.

"The offenses are severe and have serious implications regarding [Yagon's] future," said Lidsky.

Tel Aviv Fraud Squad detectives suspect that Yagon conspired with Chon to steal NIS 420,000 belonging to the couple, described as "ailing and alone."

Under questioning, Yagon said he received instructions on the phone ostensibly by the couple to sell their investment portfolio and to transfer the amount to Chon's bank account.

He told police he had made a "genuine mistake," and had acted in good faith.

Chon said another man had contacted her and asked her if he could use her bank account.

Meanwhile, police are still searching for the money and told Lidsky they need time to check Chon's four other bank accounts and to examine the relationship between the two suspects and their versions of events.

In remanding Chon, Lidsky said it was necessary to keep her in custody so the investigation could continue without hindrance.

Chon gave police details of the man she claimed she gave permission to use her account, but he has not yet been traced.

"The alleged offenses are serious," said Lidsky, "and my preference is to grant the police time to investigate rather than consider the freedom of the suspect."

TA court denies appeals of two Ecstasy drug suspects

RAINE MARCUS

AN appeal against their remands by two suspects in the Ecstasy laboratory case was rejected by Tel Aviv District *Court yesterday.*

Arye Akerman, who police claim was the "international distribution manager" of the gang, and Aharon Shimshon, allegedly was the gang's guinea pig – he tested the drug until the chemist, Yitzhak Bakal, reached the perfect formula.

Carmela Hanoch, the lawyer for the two, said Shimshon only used drugs and as such could be released on bail or *placed under house arrest.* "He is not suspected of manufacturing or dealing, nor is he among the organizers or ring leaders." she said.

But police said that his role was an important one and that they suspect *he was also involved in financing the* laboratory, which was raided early last week. So far fifteen suspects have been arrested here and in Holland, and more arrests are imminent.

In rejecting the appeal Judge Avraham Beizer said that Shimshon's duty was as a "tester for industrial, and not social purposes."

Regarding Akerman's appeal, Hanoch said that her client lives in Ger*many and there is no danger he would* disrupt the investigation.

But Beizer also rejected his appeal.

Hungary formally apologizes for its role in the Holocaust

NEW YORK (Reuter) – Hungary apologized yesterday for its role in the Holocaust and for persecuting Jews before the Nazis took over the country in 1944.

In a statement read to a meeting of the World Jewish Congress, Hungarian Foreign Minister Lazlo Kovacs said:

"The historical experience of 50 years is perhaps enough time for the Hungarian nation to face itself bravely and honestly, just as the Germans were the first to do immediately after the war."

Jewish leaders hailed the statement with WJC President Edgar Bronfman calling it "courageous and signifying an important and positive development in Hungarian Jewish-relations."

Kovacs said he was speaking on behalf of Hungarian Prime Minister *Guyla Horn and added*, "*It has* to be stated unambiguously that history obliges us to apologize ... We are obliged to apologize because of our 600,000 murdered and tens of thousands deported and tortured compatriots.

"We have to apologize ... for the physicians who were burnt, for the artists who were beaten to death, for the shopkeepers and tradesmen who were killed and for the women who could not become mothers and grandmothers."

He said that the Nazi period, when a collaborationist government ruled Hungary in 1944 and rounded up the country's Jews sending them to death camps, was *not the only period in which Jews* suffered in Hungary.

He recalled the brutal period after World War One, when terror squads attacked Jews following the fall of Hungary's brief Communist government, and persecutions that continued through the 1920s and '30s.

"The Holocaust was an unprecedented crime in the history of *mankind*. It was a *premediated* massacre ... for which no excuse can ever be found. It is self-deception if anyone shifts responsibilty for the genocide in Hungary solely and exclusively to Nazi Germany."

Sneh threatens not to sign Clalit recovery program

JUDY SIEGEL

HEALTH Minister Ephraim Sneh won't sign Kupat Holim Clalit's recovery program unless the Treasury allocates funds so public hospitals can purchase new drugs and medical technology.

Sneh made the statement yesterday in a phone call to Finance Minister Avraham Shohat, who is in Madrid until next week for an *International Monetary Fund* meeting.

Treasury spokeswoman Elisheva Braun said she never comments on "private conversations."

According to Health Ministry spokeswoman Yifat Ben-Hai, the Treasury insists the cost of hospitalization in government or Clalit hospitals for members of the Histadrut health fund be restricted. But Sneh demands that this "cap" be increased to allow the purchase of advanced drugs and technology that would otherwise be beyond the hospitals' means.

If the Finance Ministry's position is accepted, Sneh said, it will cause "serious damage to the level of medicine here, since hospitals won't be able to purchase new types of medications."

He added that restrictions on hospitalization expenditures are liable to lengthen the wait for certain treatments and operations. The poor will suffer most of all, Sneh told Shohat, since the well off can purchase drugs on the private market and go to private hospitals.

Beit Halohem opens

PRESIDENT Ezer Weizman attended the dedication of Beit Halohem in Jerusalem yesterday evening. The building cost some $13 million, which was raised from contributions. (Itim)

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